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Dialogue opens on Saluda solar project

\$850M development involves 3,324 acres

BY BOB DEMAREE
Although developers have been having conversations with landowners and local stakeholders since 2019, a proposed \$850 million solar project near Paynesville in Saluda Township had its Jefferson County introduction earlier this week, Orion Renewable Energy

Group LLC was on the agenda of Tuesday's County Council meeting, laying the groundwork for possible abatements and an economic development agreement, while area residents turned out to voice both support and opposition. Called the Idlewild Solar Project, approximately 20 property owners have leased land where approximately 472 megawatts of solar energy would be generated over the next 35 or more years. Amanda Hoffman, Orion project development manager, said the solar site would encompass 3,324 acres, although the actual solar operation would involve 2,050 acres in acres fenced inside of that. "Every adjacent home near the project will be a minimum of a football field away from any solar panels which is at least 300 feet," said Hoffman. "Jefferson County ordinance requires a 150 foot setback from adjacent residences, so we've doubled that distance in our proposed project." Michael Cressner, Orion senior director of development, sug-

gested a tax abatement over 10 years, beginning at 100% the first year and decreasing annually by 10% until the last year when there would be no tax abatement. "It's just an initial proposal, based on initial conversations and negotiations with the county," he said, noting if an abatement and economic development agreement moves forward that independent tax consultants would need to be involved. Cressner said over the project's expected 35-year operational life that would amount to \$201 million in property taxes generated for Jefferson County. County Council president Heather Foy said there has been confusion that it's the County Council and County Commissioners that are the ultimate decision-makers about whether solar is allowed in Jefferson County. She said that's not the case. She noted the County Council handles the financial matters for SEE **SOLAR/PAGE A7**

PACE funds depleted with BPWS approval of 7 dilapidated structure grants

BY BOB DEMAREE
Seven PACE applications were approved at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting including three that the PACE Review Committee scored lower than the required minimum. Each of the applications were \$25,000 dilapidated structure grants, amounting to a total of \$175,000, depleting PACE funding for the remainder of 2024. There was actually \$174,087.64 available, which is \$912.36 less than what was awarded. Nicole Schell, the city's director of planning, said the city "will be locating that funding difference either from applications that come in under budget, those who have to return funds for not completing on time, or from the 2025 funds." Two of the applications approved by BPWS that failed to meet the minimum score were 301 Jefferson Street and 221 East Second Street, adjoining properties being developed into Vintage Lanes, expected to open next year by Dan and Matt Chandler. The property will include a wine bar, duckpin bowling and living space for the Chandlers with a projected private investment of \$1.5 million. The 301 Jefferson Street property had a score of 33.33 while the 221 East Second Street property had a score of 33.67 — both below than the required minimum score of 36. "This application was not recommended by the PACE committee because of a scoring issue but we believed that it was a significant enough investment to bring it before the board, and let you decide," said Schell. The other structure approved by BPWS that failed to meet the Committee's minimum score is 820 West Main Street, owned by Paul and Paula Lee, that scored 31. "It did not meet the minimum score because of an issue where it was not deemed unsafe but staff SEE **PACE/PAGE A8**



Workers were busy this week cleaning brick and tuck pointing the former Cinnamon Tea Room and apartments, 302 and 304 West Street at the corner of Second and West streets in downtown Madison. The renovation is being funded in part by two of the city's \$25,000 PACE dilapidated structure grants whiel matching private investment is estimated at \$1.4 million. Bob Demaree



Madison yoga instructor Sammy Lyon is shown. Charlie Rohlfing

Sammy Lyon wants to change your mind

Sammy Lyon has worn a lot of hats in her relatively young life. A product of Canaan Elementary and Madison Consolidated High School, she grew up racing 4-wheelers with her dad and her brothers. She moved away to attend the University of Cincinnati and ended up becoming a "total beer nerd" working on the marketing team at Rhinegeist Brewing in Cincinnati. She worked at SuperATV here in Madison for a bit. Worked at Madison Travel Company for a bit. But it was a New Year's resolution her senior year in college that set the path for her life. "I don't know what got into me," relates Sammy, "it was just one of those nights where you look at your life and decide to make some changes. Out of the blue I said to myself, starting this year, I'm getting into yoga!" Now, some seven years later, "getting into yoga" is a bit of an understatement. She became certified to teach yoga in 2018, started teaching some classes while doing other jobs here in Madison, and then went full time as a yoga instructor in 2022. "Ever since I came SEE **LYON/PAGE A3**



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE'S BEAT

Hanover College student charged with rape in September 2023 assault

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Detectives with the Indiana State Police-Versailles and Sellersburg Posts arrested a 22-year-old Clark County, Indiana man on a felony rape charge related to an alleged incident that took place on the campus of Hanover College in the fall of 2023. Indiana State Police-Versailles Post was contacted in September 2023 to investigate an alleged sexual assault



Jackson Reece Kruer

that occurred on the campus. An investigation by ISP detectives indicated that in the early morning hours of Sept. 17, 2023, a student at the college, Jackson Reece Kruer, 22, Clarksville, Indiana, and an adult female student left an on-campus party together. Both students walked to the female's dorm room where she was allegedly sexually assaulted by Kruer, who then left the dorm and returned to his on-campus residence. The female victim immediately reported the assault to campus security, which soon contacted Indiana State Police Investigators to investigate the incident. At the conclusion of the investigation, the case was presented to the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office for review. As a result, a warrant for Rape, a Level 3 Felony, was issued for Jackson Kruer. Kruer was arrested Tuesday in Clark County, Indiana, and transported to the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Center on a \$100,000 cash bond. Kruer was arraigned in Jefferson Circuit Court on Wednesday where Judge D.J. Mote ordered bond to remain at \$100,000 cash with a bond review hearing set for July 22. The case was also scheduled for a jury trial to begin on Oct. 8, 2024 and Kruer was ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim. Indiana State Police Investigators were assisted in the investigation by the Hanover College Security Department and the Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office. Kruer is a former student and baseball standout at Jeffersonville High School and enrolled at Hanover College with the intention of playing baseball for the Panthers. However, he was not listed on the Hanover roster in the Spring 2024 baseball season. According to a spokesman at Hanover College, Kruer is currently listed as "enrolled" at Hanover, but the college cannot comment further on the matter.

Fire damages Shelby Township machine shop

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A structure fire damaged a 24,000 square foot machine shop Tuesday in the 11000 block of North West Fork Road in Shelby Township.
The fire, reported Tuesday at 4:10 a.m., took nearly four hours to extinguish, requiring seven tankers, but the fire was contained to the building.
Canaan Volunteer Fire

Department and Madison Township Fire Department responded with assistance from New Marion Fire Department and Versailles Fire Department in Ripley County, and Moorefield Fire Department. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and Norton King's Daughters' Hospital EMS were also on scene.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 8-9-13-16-29-38 (7/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$17.4 million. Next Drawing (7/20).
Cash Five: 14-20-29-36-43 (7/17).
Cash 4 Life: 5-17-28-43-54 CB: 4 (7/17)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 11-15-19-24 CB 4 (7/17)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 3-5-32-35-37 (7/17).
Lucky For Life: 7-18-20-39-46 LB: 10 (7/17)

MEGAMILLIONS
5-35-42-58-66 MB: 22, MP 2 (7/16). Next Jackpot: \$251 million. Next Drawing (7/19)

POWERBALL
24-27-32-47-66 PB: 26, PP 2 (7/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$91 million. Next Drawing (7/20)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY
3-24-49-56-60 PB: 17 (7/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (7/20)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:31 a.m.
Sunset: 9:04 p.m.
Temperature: High 82, Low 58, Mean 70.0, Deficit 4.4
Precipitation since last published: .49
Precipitation, July 2024: 3.87
Precipitation, 2024: 23.10
Barometer: 29.97, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.68, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Partly cloudy High 87/Low 64; Sunday: Partly cloudy High 87/Low 66; Monday: Scattered thunderstorms High 84/Low 67; Tuesday: Thunder showers High 81/Low 67.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

July 19
Bill Barnes
Lewis Wright

July 20
Jerry Wheeler

July 21
Maeci Marshall — 21

July 22
Chris Cammack

July 23
Stephanie Hellmann


July 26
Mark McKee
Kelly Rector

July 27
Joshua Myers

July 28
Marcus Sullivan

July 29
Caroline Demaree — 10
Terry Rowlett

July 30
Brenda Brown
Toby Hoffman
Kelsi Schmidlapp



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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS
July 15, 2024
Wesley Ryan Johnson, 37, Madison, for Residential Entry and Criminal Confinement, both Level 6 felonies; Battery-Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor; and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

July 16, 2024
Donald R. Martin III, 32, no address, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. No bond.
Jackson Reece Krueer, 22, Clarksville, Indiana, for Rape, a Level 3 felony. Bond \$100,000 cash.

July 17, 2024
Justyn Paul Smallwood, 25, Madison, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County felony bench warrant. Bond \$2,500 cash.
Jonathon Michael Way, 35, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.
Abigail Byrd Ray, 29, for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

July 18, 2024
William J. Melton Sr., 62, Madison, for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. No bond.
Brandon Wentworth, 42, Milton, Kentucky, for Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS
July 15, 2024
Thomas F. Wehner Jr., 45, Hanover, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 14 days served and balance suspended to 351 days supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.
Rodney W. Fox, 57, Canaan, Indiana, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 in fees and court costs.
Ashlee Nicole Stamper, 31, Madison,

to an amended charge of Driving While Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 in fees and court costs.
Valerie L. Lilly, 55, Hanover, for Theft, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with 12 days jail to be served in three consecutive weekends and 528 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

July 16, 2024
Allen K. Killey, Deputy, Indiana, to amended charges of Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Bodily Injury-2 Counts, both Level 5 felonies. Sentenced to 3 years at the Indiana Department of Correction on each count, consecutive, with credit for 8 days jail served and 2,182 days suspended to supervised probation plus restitution to be determined and \$389 in fees and court costs. If defendant successfully completes first 3 years of suspended sentence without violation, remaining 3 years shall be non-reporting probation.
Cameron Scott Hicks, 55, Lexington, Indiana, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 3 days served, 7 days to be served on weekends and 720 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$789.50 in fees and court costs and driver's license suspended for 365 days.
Gregory Raney Thomas, 55, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation with consecutive sentencing for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Invasion of Privacy, a Class A misdemeanor, with a sentence of 995 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 208 days served and 365 days suspended to supervised probation, plus \$339 in fees and court costs.
John Michael Morgan, 37, Scottsburg, Indiana, to amended charges of Unlawful Possession of Syringe, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony consecutive to 6 days jail on the misdemeanor, served, all suspended to 365 days supervised probation plus \$989 in fees and court costs.

Christian Michael Trey Lauderbaugh, 29, Madison, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$439 in fees and court costs.
Jared Michael Durham, 46, Deputy, Indiana, to an amended charge of Unlawful Possession of a Syringe, a Level 6 felony; and False Informing, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony concurrent to 180 days jail on the misdemeanor, with credit for 34 days jail served and 331 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.
Gerald King Hamilton, 47, Madison, to amended charges of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to a total of 180 days jail, all suspended to 180 days supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs.
Amanda Jade Selby, 40, Crothersville, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony, all suspended, consecutive to 120 days jail on the misdemeanor, all executed, with credit for 74 days jail served and placed on supervised probation for 545 days plus \$989 in fees and court costs.
Christian Michael Trey Lauderbaugh, 29, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 730 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed; with credit for 48 days jail served but consecutive other sentencing (see above) plus \$789 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY
July 15, 2024
Jamie Richardson and Rebecca Richardson to James Richardson and Cassandra Richardson, 3 acres at 7800+ West 400 South, Hanover.

July 17, 2024
Timothy L. Patton to Timoty L. Patton and Tyler Timothy Patton, approximately 2.6 acres at 1651 North 1525 West, Deputy.

Trolly funds



Handout
Visit Madison Inc. received a \$50,000 grant from T-Mobile's Hometown Grant Program toward purchase of a new trolley for tourism and the community. The tourism and marketing office is raising additional funds through grants and contributions for the project. Pictured are (from left): T-Mobile's Cody Pringle, VMI's Andrew Forrester, Tiffani Poling and Sarah Prasil Lucy Dattilo, and T-Mobile's Michael Lucas.

BPWS considering ways to improve Vaughn Drive safety

BY BOB DEMAREE
Illegal parking beside a fire hydrant in front of Crystal Beach Aquatic Park led to a discussion at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting about increased safety concerns on Vaughn Drive due to heavier volume of people there.
Madison Mayor Bob Courtney noted Vaughn Drive was visited last year by 1.7 million people accessing the city's parks, the Ohio River and businesses.
"We have a lot of people going back and forth to the parks, the riverfront, to pool, to the (Brown) Gym, to Bicentennial Park" and more, he said. "We have to seriously consider how we manage that volume" of pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, golf carts and cars.
Courtney suggested the possibility that a stop sign might be needed at Broadway Street and Vaughn Drive.
Madison Police Chief Shawn Scudder requested a safer means for pedestrians to get from the new parking lot at Ohio River Legacy Park to the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, since there

is no sidewalk on the north side of Vaughn Drive. "I think if we can push them into that parking lot that will free up Broadway."
The discussion began when board member David Carlow complained that people were parking in a yellow "No Parking" zone in front of a fire hydrants at the pool. "Numerous times in the last three weeks I've driven up and down Vaughn Drive I've noticed vehicles parked in front of the fire hydrants," he said.
Scudder said he would instruct his patrol captains to prioritize enforcement with their officers to address the issue of people parking in front of that hydrant.
"Being a volunteer firefighter, people parking in front of fire hydrants is a sore spot for me," said Carlow, Carlow, who is a member of Western Fire Company No. 3.
In other business, the board:
• Announced the resignation of Jeremy Cornelius as the city of Madison's deputy fire chief. Courtney said Corne-

lius is resigning due to work commitments. "We're going to miss him. He's served the city extremely well."
• Approved closing Main Street between Jefferson and Broadway streets for Soup Stew Chili and Brew on Saturday, Oct. 12, along with parts of side streets in that area.
• Courtney reported that progress is being made on plans for modernization of solid waste collection including the transfer station. He said residents have been selecting their carts for trash collection and so far 1,783 have signed up for carts. For those who don't sign up by July 31, they will automatically receive a 65-gallon container. He said the goal is to have containers distributed by October, which will be a "monstrous logistical feat" of 5,000 customers receiving their containers.
• Approved State Revolving Fund disbursements for the city's water infrastructure projects including \$111,883 to Commonwealth Engineers and \$89,045.87 to Dave O'Mara Contracting on the water treatment plants.

BPWS cites safety for requiring food trucks to seek prior approval

BY BOB DEMAREE

Citing safety concerns for streets and sidewalks congested, Madison will require food trucks to seek Board of Public Works and Safety (BPWS) approval before setting up shop in the Main Street business district.

Food truck setup will require prior application to the Board of Public Works and Safety (BPWS) of which the first three requests were granted at Monday's meeting.

The board, at its July 1 meeting, adopted a resolution affirming existing parking regulations for transient merchants, particularly that food trucks must go before the board for approval to occupy parking places on Main Street between Broadway and Jefferson streets.

"Having discussions about sidewalk obstructions, traffic, food trucks and street issues allows us to raise awareness about the mixed uses happening in this busy corridor," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, who cited a statistic that 5 million people passed through the

intersection of West and Main streets in the last year. "Our goal is a successful, thriving, safe and fully accessible Main Street and it will take all of us working together to accomplish that."

Three food truck applications — DonutNV, Pakalana Poke and Tiny Hos Coffee — were received on Monday with each asking for and receiving approval for parking space closings in conjunction with this Saturday's Candyland Sidewalk Sale. DonutNV will set up in front of James Dell men's clothing store at 108 West Main Street, Pakalana Poke will set up in front of Scarlet Begonia women's mercantile store at 118 East Main Street, and Tiny Hos Coffee will set up in front of Serendipity Boutique at 205 East Main Street.

However, DonutNV also sought approval for three additional times, receiving approval for two on Saturday, Oct. 26, and Friday, Nov. 8. while rejecting Saturday, Sept. 28.

The Sept. 28 date is during the Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art and Courtney said the city's

vehicle and pedestrian traffic balloons on that Saturday, creating a great deal of congestion. Placer data reported the crowd at 40,000 last year.

"We will not allow any food trucks in this corridor during Chautauqua," the mayor said. "We really struggle with the volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic that is pushed in this most dense area" on Main Street between Jefferson and Broadway streets during a weekend when streets are busy throughout downtown Madison.

Becky Pyles, owner of DonutNV with her husband, Scott Pyles, said dates requested were established in conjunction with events that are in partnership with James Dell. "We only set up downtown when we're partnered with a business," she said, noting cross promotions are held to benefit both the food truck and the business. "That is how we stay in business ourselves."

Justin Preece, co-owner and co-operator of Betty Jeffries women's clothing store and James Dell, said having a food

truck alongside his business has been beneficial. "I am always a supporter of collaborating with any business. It's not just food trucks," he said. "We try to create a sense of unity and sense for when people come to Madison to have a great experience ... I want to make sure we continue to do what is best for Madison but I do know that this is an additional aspect of my business that helps."

Isa Center, who owns Pakalana's Poke Wagon food truck with her husband, Chuck, said, "I do see an uptick in (food trucks) helping the small businesses that are on Main Street including the brick-and-mortar" businesses. "We see the flow of people and it's very exciting."

Courtney noted that just a few years ago there were no food trucks allowed on Main Street because it was a state highway. "When it became under local control, none of the (city's) ordinances but the whole environment changed" including the fact that food trucks have occasionally been allowed on Main Street.

He said the city's New Projects Standing Committee will be working through updating the city's transient merchant and permitting process on when and where food trucks can operate with an emphasis on the corridor on Main Street between Jefferson and Broadway.

"We're not doing anything to say you can't operate your food truck. We're just saying in this location of Main Street is not a safe location for food trucks for a variety of reasons," Courtney said. Due to those safety concerns in the Main Street business corridor, "we're moving away from the randomness of (food trucks) just appearing because it's not safe" and "coming up with a balance not to limit food trucks but to amplify the experience of food trucks in this corridor."

Courtney said Madison Main Street program will be a critical partner with him, BPWS and City Council in "modernizing our ordinance so it fits where we want to be for safety, environment and experience-wise on Main Street."

County Council advances innkeeper's tax increase

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jefferson County Council advanced an ordinance that would increase Jefferson County's innkeeper's tax during its meeting Tuesday.

The first reading of the ordinance received support from all seven Council members with final approval anticipated to come at next month's meeting.

In March, the Indiana General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 238 and Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb signed legislation authorizing the County Council to vote for an increase the innkeeper's tax up to 8%.

The tax, a fee levied on all rooms in hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, Airbnbs and other lodgings, was established for Jefferson County in 1981 at 4% and increased to 5% in 1987 with no changes in the last 37 years other than growth of the industry.

The ordinance proposed to County Council Tuesday establishes that the innkeeper's tax increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2025. Additionally, the ordinance states that half of the additional 3% increase — 1.5% or 18.75% of total collected funds — be dedicated to tourism capital expenditures including investment in land, buildings, vehicles and equipment, and economic development projects.

Visit Madison Inc. Executive Director Andrew Forrester said, "Madison and Jefferson County as a whole have seen an increase in tourism over the last five to 10 years." He specifically cited a Rockport Analytics report that there was \$60.1 million in visitor spending in the county during 2022, a 16% increase over 2021.

"We are seeing a lot more interest, a lot more tourists" but the innkeeper's tax collections are not keeping up with the demand for services such as amenities, parking and trolley service. Even though the county's innkeeper's tax collections have increased, he said there is greater need to support the county's tourism product and do marketing.

Forrester said "good support" for the innkeeper's tax increase has been received by hoteliers. Additionally, he said Madison City Council passed a resolution in support of the innkeeper's tax increase.

Forrester added that

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back to Madison after working in Cincy, it's been kind of obvious that I'm supposed to be here. First of all, I discovered that my long-held impressions about the town when I was a country kid were not correct. The town has a tremendous art scene I didn't know about. And I also didn't realize how many women-owned businesses there were. My perspective changed a lot. I felt like I was coming home to a big warm hug, I felt so much love and support.

"I started here in Madison with something I called Cozy Yoga, and it's pretty much just like it sounds. Very inviting, very comforting. It's still one of the favorites among my customers. But then I just started adding classes to fit the market. It's been so gratifying to see it grow. I've had to add some Saturday morning classes to keep up with demand.

"I find more and more that people are stepping towards alternate forms of healing, and yoga fits right into that. And there are sister sciences to yoga also. Ayurveda is the oldest practiced health system in the world. And of course, Reiki has become very popular. I got my first Reiki attunement at a yoga festival two years ago, and I know it's changed my life."

Sammy currently is certified at a sort of Master's level of yoga training. "The first level takes about 200 hours, and I'd equate that to

a bachelor's degree. But I recently went on an intensive retreat to Mexico for an additional 300 hours to get to the next level.

"In addition to the yoga training I've also invested in higher levels of Reiki training. I recently got my Master attunement, which means I can teach and certify others. There's been a real demand for it.

"I've been fortunate to be able to do some yoga and reiki teaching with young people, and I've literally watched it change people's lives. I've seen people come off antidepressants, literally a 180 degree change in their lives sometimes.

"I think kids especially are just so overstimulated these days and don't know how to regulate. I can help them so much. Also, I can do a lot with athletes, helping them stretch and breathe and achieve mental focus. It's been very rewarding.

"I would say to anyone who is interested in exploring yoga and alternative healing, just give it a try. No one is too old or too inflexible or too anything. Yoga meets you where you are. You need to look at it as an investment in your wellness, and it can be the best money you spend, believe me."

Anyone interested in Sammy's classes or special events should go to LavenderLyon.com for more information.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Not surprisingly, some of the most interesting music happening this weekend is down on Second Street, in and around Thomas Family Winery. Steve and Elizabeth Thomas are Madison's most stalwart and long-tenured music promoters, pushing almost 30 years of live music every Saturday at

their friendly and inviting winery and bakery. This Friday is no exception, with an early 6 p.m. show of banjo/violin folk music, followed at 8 p.m. in the alley next door with a foot stomping classic rock/country band. All in all, it'll be four hours of free, fun, festive music in one location. Then on Saturday, I'll be heading back to Thomas Family Winery for the Ren Faire Evening hosted by Celtica Fae. There will be music, of course, plus all kinds of dancing. Last time there was a mermaid and a pig-boy joining the festivities. You had to be there. And indeed, you have to be there this Saturday if you want to join the party!

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 17
The Central — Jam w/ Jimmy
The Lighthouse-Bobby & Ronnie (6-8 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill-Zach Hackney (7-10 p.m.)

Thursday, July 18
Rivertown Grill-Zach Hackney (7-10 p.m.)
The Lighthouse — Matt Red Moore (7-11 p.m.)

Friday, July 19
Central — Tailfin Cadillac First Street Saloon — DJ Nate
Live Lunch (Broadway Fountain) — The Hopefuls (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Mike Oberst & Justine Cefalu (6 p.m.)
Acree Alley — Bee Camp Bottom Boys (8 p.m.)
Riverboat Inn — Joe and Deano (7-10 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Dirty Laundry Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
The Lighthouse — Dylan West (7-11 p.m.)

Saturday, July 20
Central — Full Moon Rising First Street Saloon — L&L Karaoke
The Drake — Joe and Deano (7:30-10:30 p.m.)
The Red Roaster — Connor Derman (8 p.m.)
Red Bicycle Hall — Yacht Rock Dance Party (7 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery — Renfair Evening hosted by Celtica Fae (8-11 p.m.)
Rivertown Grill — Red Dirt Road (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
The Lighthouse — Vaguely Familiar (7-11 p.m.)

Sunday, July 21
Rivertown Grill — Jimmy Davis (7-10 p.m.)

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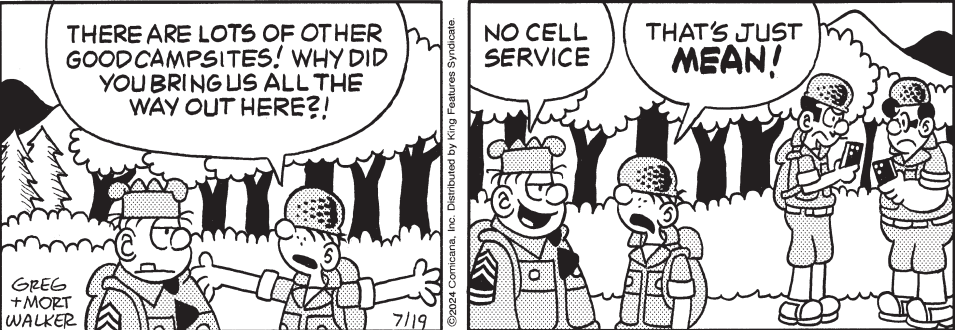
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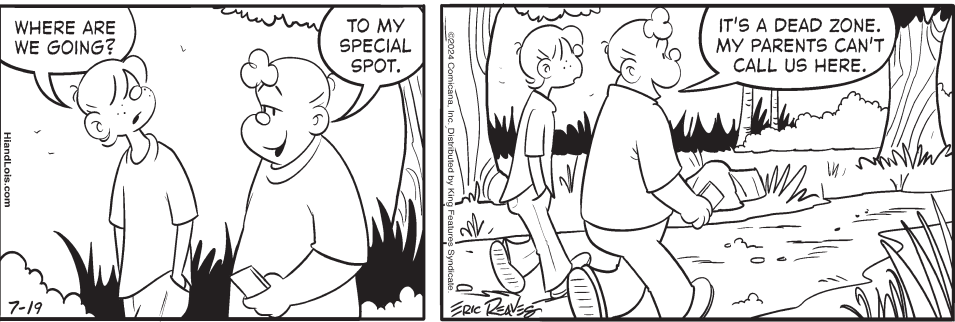
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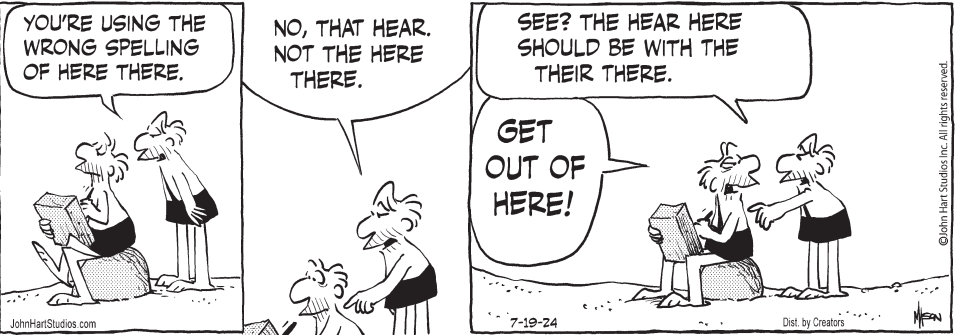
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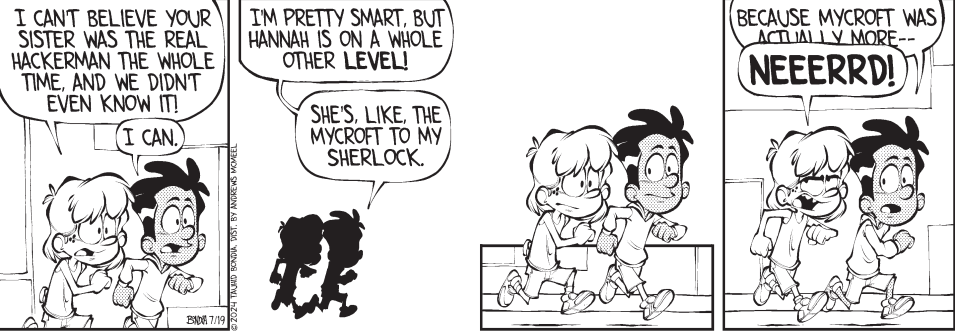
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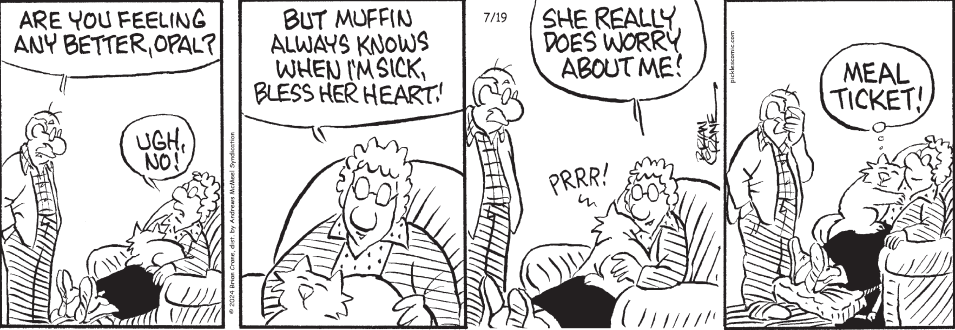
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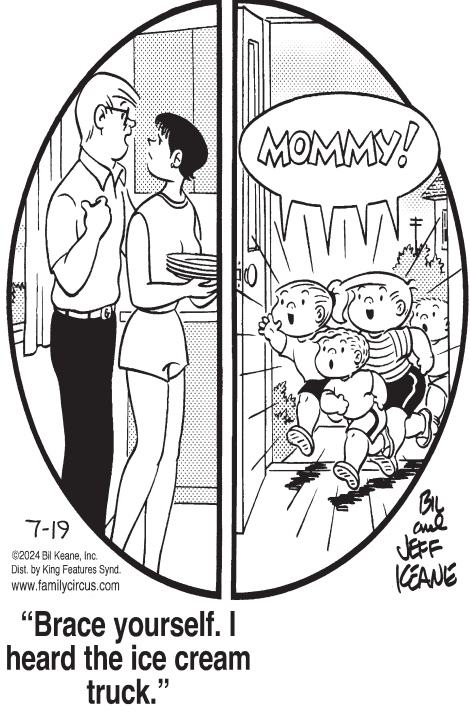


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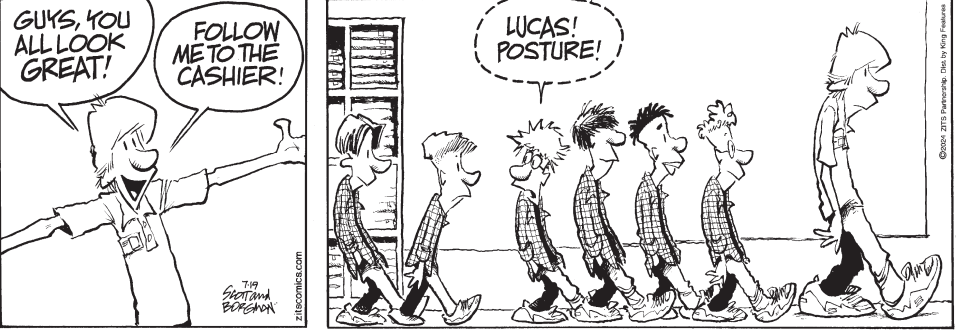
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 19, 1848, the first "Convention to discuss the social, civil and religious condition and rights of Woman" convened at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Also on this date:
In 1812, during the War of 1812, the First Battle of Sackets Harbor in Lake Ontario resulted in an American victory as U.S. naval forces repelled a British attack.
In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.
In 1975, the Apollo and Soyuz space capsules that were linked in orbit for two days separated.
In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.
In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.
In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which sustained the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.
In 1990, baseball's all-time hits leader, Pete Rose, was sentenced in Cincinnati to five months in prison for tax evasion.
In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced a policy allowing gays to serve in the

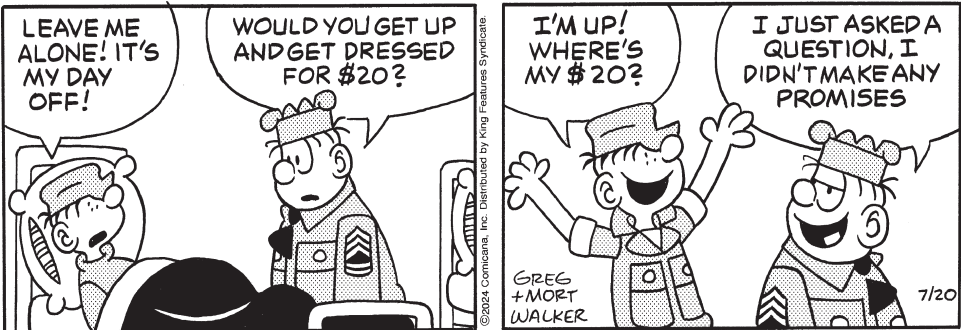


military under a compromise dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue."
In 2006, prosecutors reported that Chicago police beat, kicked, shocked or otherwise tortured scores of Black suspects from the 1970s to the early 1990s to try to extract confessions from them.
In 2005, President George W. Bush announced his choice of federal appeals court judge John G. Roberts Jr. to replace Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. (Roberts ended up succeeding Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who died in Sept. 2005; Samuel Alito followed O'Connor.)
In 2013, in a rare and public reflection on race, President Barack Obama called on the nation to do some soul searching over the death of Trayvon Martin and the acquittal of his shooter, George Zimmerman, saying the slain black teenager "could have been me 35 years ago."
In 2018, a duck boat packed with tourists capsized and sank in high winds on a lake in the tourist town of Branson, Missouri, killing 17 people.
In 2021, Paul Allard

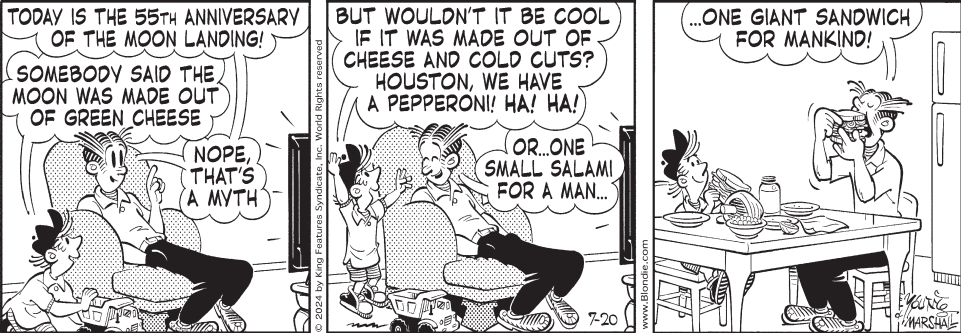
Hodgkins, a Florida man who breached the U.S. Senate chamber on Jan. 6 carrying a Trump campaign flag, received an eight-month prison term; it was the first resolution for a felony case in the January 6th U.S. Capitol insurrection.
In 2022, Britain shattered its record for the highest temperature ever registered amid a heat wave that seared swaths of Europe.

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights activist and educator Rachel Robinson, widow of baseball's Jackie Robinson, is 102. Singer Vikki Carr is 84. Blues singer-musician Little Freddie King is 84. Singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 78. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ilie Nastase is 78. Rock musician Brian May (Queen) is 77. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 77. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 73. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 64. Actor Campbell Scott is 63. Actor Anthony Edwards is 62. Ukrainian politician and former boxing champion Vitali Klitschko is 53. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch is 48. TV chef Marcela Valladolid is 46. Actor Trai Byers (TV: "Empire") is 41. Actor Kaitlin Doubleday (TV: "Empire," "Nashville") is 39.

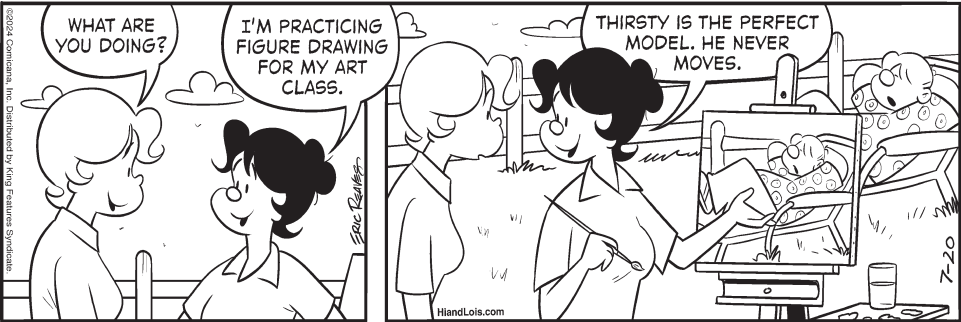
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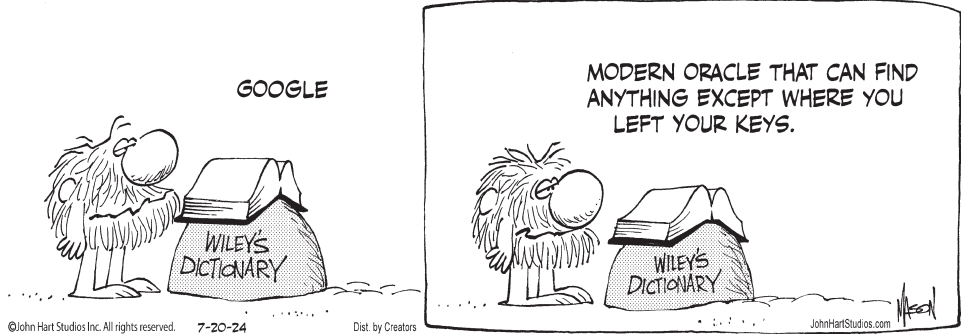
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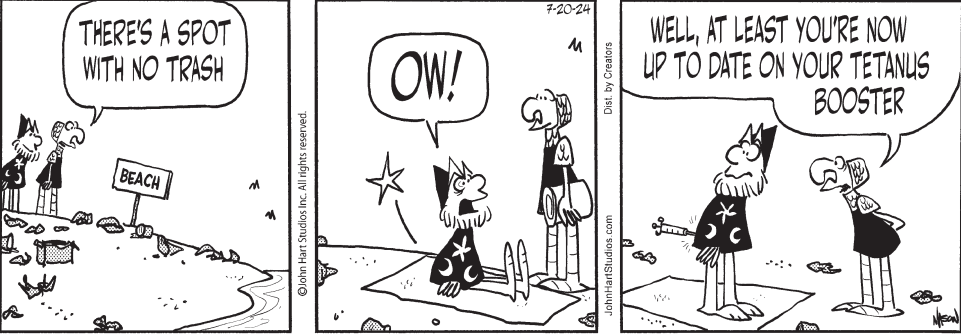
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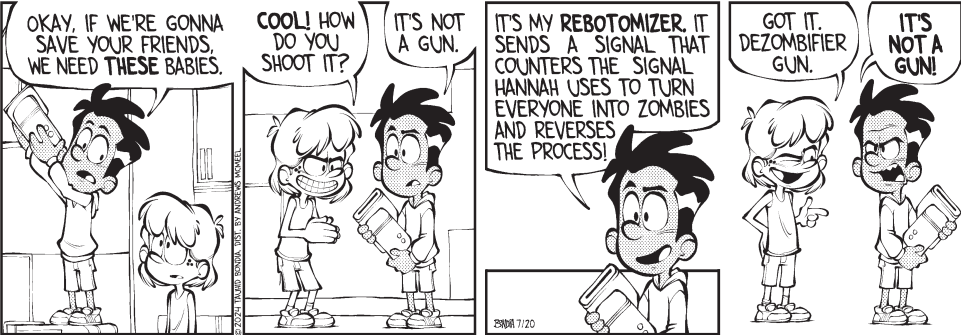
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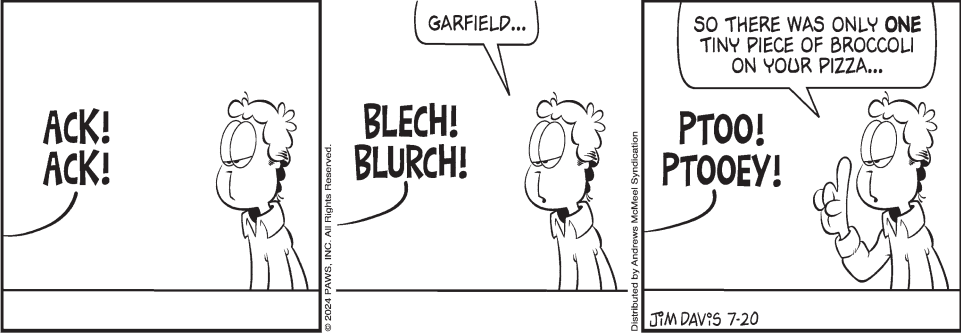
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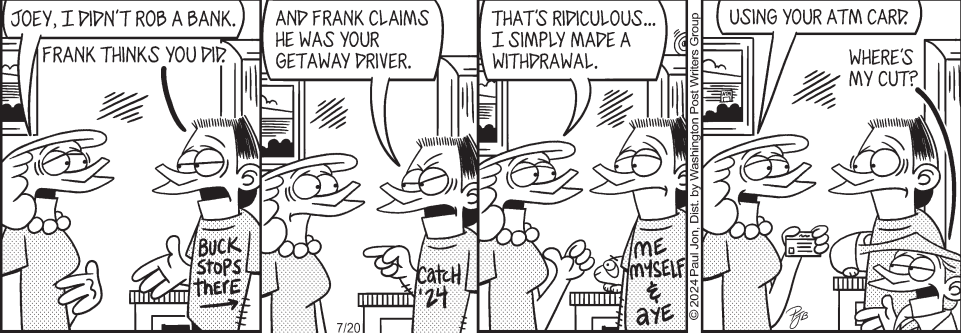
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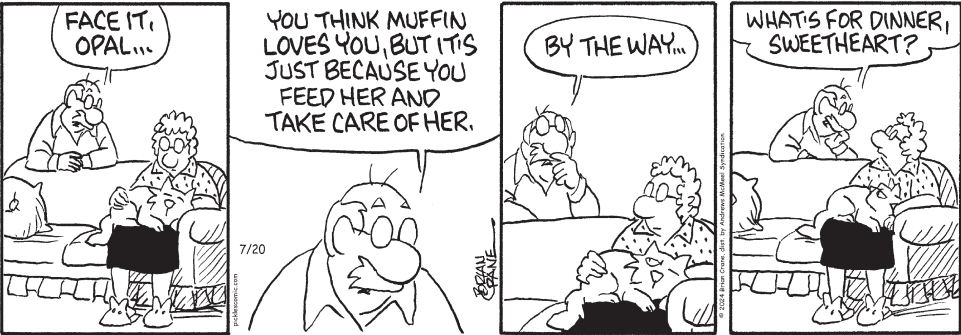
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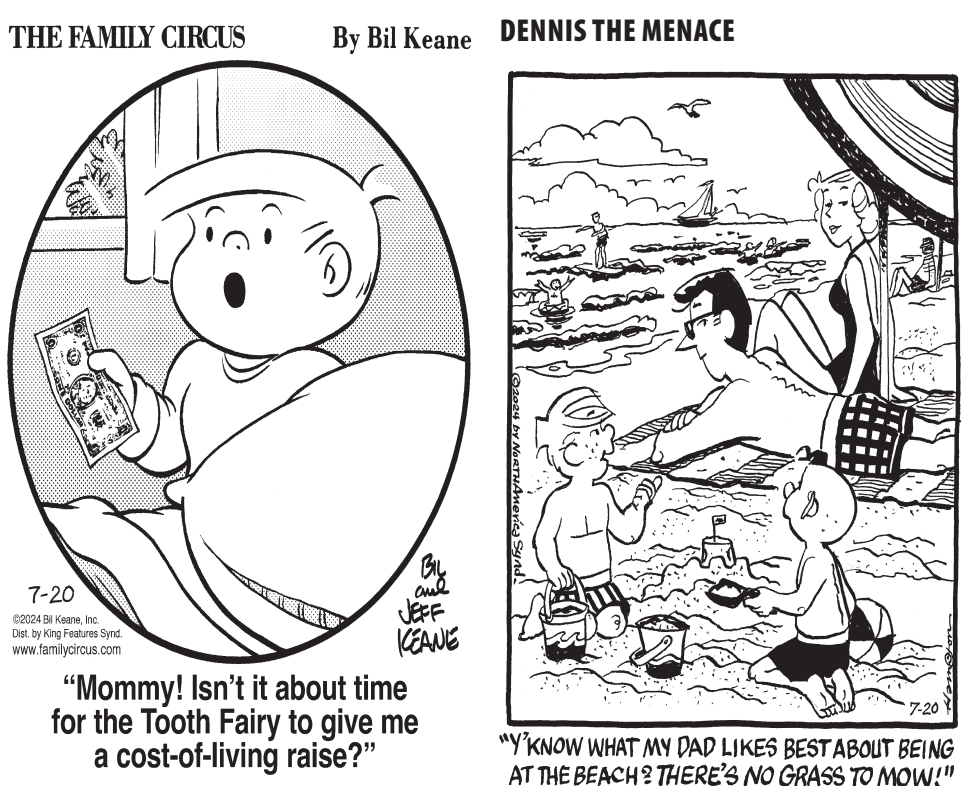
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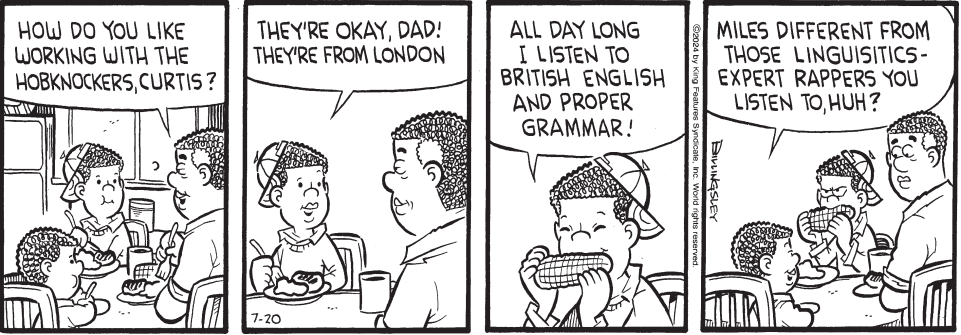
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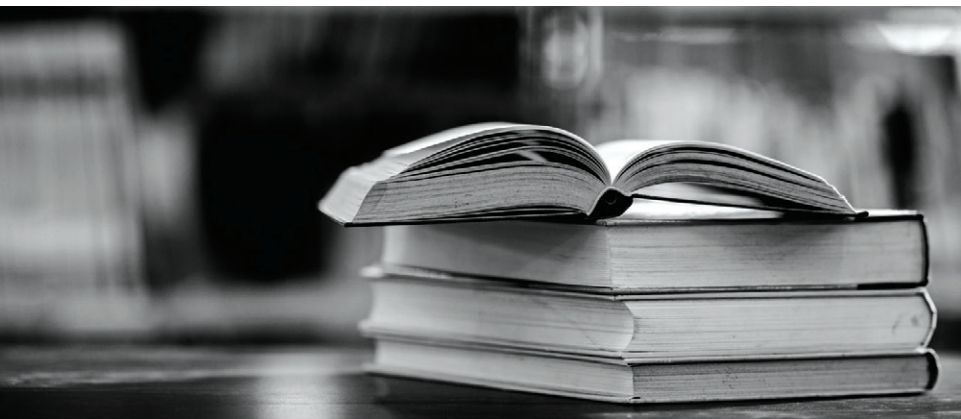
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching its surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

Also on this date: In 1917, America's World War I draft lottery began as Secretary of War Newton Baker, wearing a blindfold, reached into a glass bowl and pulled out a capsule containing the number 258 during a ceremony inside the Senate office building.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah I was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian gunman who was shot dead on the spot by security.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 1993, White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr., 48, was found shot to death in a park near Washington, D.C.; it was ruled a suicide.

In 2006, the Senate voted 98-0 to renew the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act for another quarter-century.

In 2007, President George W. Bush signed an executive order prohibiting cruel and inhuman treatment, including humiliation or denigration of religious beliefs, in the detention and interrogation of terrorism suspects.

In 2010, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court's fourth female justice.

In 2012, gunman James Holmes opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people and wounding 70 others. (Holmes was later convicted of murder and attempted murder, and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)

In 2015, the United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic relations after more than five decades of frosty relations rooted in the Cold War.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 88. Baseball Hall of Famer Tony Oliva is 86. Artist Judy Chicago is 85. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 80. Singer Kim Carnes is 79. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 77. Author and commentator Thomas Friedman is 71. Rock musician Paul Cook (Sex Pistols) is 68. Actor Frank Whaley is 61. Conservationist and TV personality Terri Irwin is 60. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 58. Actor Josh Holloway (TV: "Lost") is 55. Singer Vitamin C is 55. Actor Sandra Oh is 53. Hockey Hall of Famer Peter Forsberg is 51. Actor Omar Epps is 51. Basketball Hall of Famer Ray Allen is 49. Hockey Hall of Famer Pavel Datsyuk is 46. Supermodel Gisele Bundchen is 44. Actor Percy Daggs III is 42. Actor John Francis Daley is 39. Dancer-singer-actor Julianne Hough is 36.

OBITUARIES

Russell Ray Reed

Russell Ray Reed, age 58, of Madison, IN, entered this life on June 3, 1966, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of Russell W. Reed. He was raised in Jefferson County and graduated from Southwestern High School in 1984. He was inducted into the United States Marine Corps and served his country. He worked in sales and was a real estate developer. He also worked in Oil Rights in Los Angeles, CA. He held membership in the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and the Mt. Zion Community Church in Paynesville, IN. Russell died on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:40 p.m. at the Norton King’s Daughters’ Hospital in Madison, IN.



Russell will be missed by his loving his devoted father and step mother, Russell W. and Martha Faye Reed of Madison, IN; his brother, Chad Reed and his wife, Christy of Mt. Washington, KY; his sister, Kim Higdon and her husband, Greg of Chelsea, IN; his step brothers, Paul Petty and his wife, Trina of Ft. Myers, FL, Todd Petty and his wife, Brooke of Mt. Juliet, TN; several

nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harley Reed and Nina Johnson Reed. Memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 4 p.m. conducted by Pastor Brynen Chitwood at the Mt. Zion Community Church in Paynesville, IN. Interment will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Paynesville, IN. Friends may visit on Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 1 -4 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Community Church in Paynesville, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Zion Community Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, or memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Helen Louise Graham Carter

Helen Louise Graham Carter, age 87, of Campbellsburg, KY, and Madison, IN, entered this life on October 28, 1936, in Henderson, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Herman Ernest and Idalou Vernie Suratt Graham. She was raised in Madison and graduated high school there. On September 13, 1967, she was united in marriage to Otis Carter in Madison, IN. This happy union of nearly 54 years was blessed with a son, Adrian. She worked early in life for Inglis Drug Store in downtown Madison. Helen was a devoted farm wife, homemaker, loving mom, and grandma. Helen enjoyed the beach, gardening and caring for her plants. Helen died on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 3:43 a.m. at the Water’s of Clifty Falls in Madison, IN. Helen will be missed by her loving son, Adrian A. Carter and his wife,



Leigh of Madison, IN; her grandsons, Luke and Clay Carter; her brother, Robert Graham of VA; her half sister, Patsy Jones of KY; her half brother, Gary Mahoney of Louisville, KY; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Herman Ernest Graham; her mother, Idalou Vernie Suratt Graham Mahoney; her beloved husband of nearly 54 years, Otis Carter, died May 12, 2021; her sisters, Virginia

Earaline Graham Newman, and Audrey Jean Mahoney; her brothers, James Weston Graham, Sr., Arnold D. Graham, and Ernest Lee Graham. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 19, 2024, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Mike Johnson at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Olive Branch Cemetery in Madison. Friends may visit Friday, July 19, 2024, from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Academy of Madison. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Bryan Dale Renschler

Bryan Dale Renschler, age 63 of Lexington, IN, entered this life on November 25, 1960, in Louisville, KY. He was the loving son of the late Ronald E. and S. Marie Baldwin Renschler. He was raised and lived all of his life in Lexington, IN. He attended Scottsburg High School and received his GED. On September 14, 1985, he was united in marriage to Connie Sue Russell at the Hanover Baptist Church in Hanover, IN. This happy union of 37 years was blessed with two daughters, Stacey and Kelsey. He began his career working for the family business, Lexington Oil Company, and later purchased and operated the business until 2009. He also served for many years as the director for Scott County Community Corrections in Scottsburg, IN. He served with the Lexington Fire Department since December 4, 1978 and was a former fire chief for 25 years as well. He was a member of the Lexington Presbyterian Church in Lexington, IN. He served on the Scott County Sheriff’s Merit Board and was a member of the English Masonic Lodge No. 622 F. & A.M. in Lexington, IN. He was a loving husband, dad, papaw, brother, and friend. Bryan died on Saturday, July 13, 2024,



at 10:01 p.m. at his home in Lexington, IN with his loving daughters at his side. Bryan will be missed by his loving daughters, Stacey Renschler Niccum and her husband, Joey of Scottsburg, IN, and Kelsey Renschler Hough and her husband, Brandon of Lexington, IN; his grandchildren, Easton Niccum, Amayah Niccum, Byron Hough, and Emma Hough; his brothers, Gary Renschler & his wife, Julie of Port St. Lucie, FL, and Jeffrey Renschler and his wife, Janet of Nabb, IN; his sister in law, Cathy Russell of Lexington, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald E. Renschler; his mother, S. Marie Baldwin Renschler Hughes; his beloved wife of 37 years, Connie Sue Russell Renschler, died May 13, 2023; his step father, Ronald D. Hughes; his father in law and his mother in law, George Elbert Russell,

and Betty Faye Sharp Russell; his brother in law, Gregory Wayne Russell. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 19, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Aaron Flucke at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, 2804 South Mulberry Street in Lexington, IN. Interment will follow in the Lexington Cemetery in Lexington, IN. Friends may visit Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 4 — 7 p.m. and Friday, July 19, 2024, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, 2804 South Mulberry Street in Lexington, IN. A fireman’s service will be conducted on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, 2804 South Mulberry Street in Lexington, IN. A Masonic service will be conducted on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Presbyterian Church, 2804 South Mulberry Street in Lexington, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Connie Renschler Summer Reading Program Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison or at the church. Online Condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Joyce Ann Leep Aldridge

Joyce Ann Leep Aldridge, age 76, of Deputy, IN, entered this life on February 12, 1948, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Larry P. Sr. and Juanita Scudder Sedam. She resided all of her life in Jefferson County and graduated in 1966, from Southwestern High School. She then attended the House of James School of Cosmetology in Madison, where she would meet her future husband. On November 18, 1967, she was united in marriage to Lawrence “Larry” Tilford Aldridge, Jr. This happy union of 56 years was blessed with daughters, Spring Michelle and Kristie Lynn and a son, John Foster. She worked early in life as a beautician and cosmetologist in downtown Madison. She then worked for the U.S. Shoe Corporation in downtown Madison for five years as a fitter. Joyce then worked for Grote Industries for three years. Joyce then worked at K-Mart in Madison as a manager for 15 years. She retired from Phi Delta Theta House at Hanover College where she was the cook for 15 years. She was a faithful member of the Paynesville Christian Church. She loved her flowers, working cross-word puzzles, crocheting, feeding her hummingbirds, cooking



the best squash pies, and making the best potato salad. Joyce loved to watch Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune TV shows. Family get together’s were the most important to her, especially when involving the grandchildren. Joyce died on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 9:40 p.m. at her home in Deputy, IN. Joyce will be missed by her loving husband of 56 years, Lawrence “Larry” Tilford Aldridge, Jr. of Deputy, IN; her son, John Foster Aldridge and his wife, Shannon of Deputy, IN; her daughter, Spring Michelle Aldridge Irby and her husband, Jeffrey of Saginaw, TX; her former daughter in law, Ruby Beckett and her husband, Eddie of IN; her grandchildren, Ashley, Kayla Ann, Katelyn, Lakin, R.J., Jada, Alyssa, Ethan, Emily, and Beth Ann; 18-great grandchildren; her sisters, Patricia Dew

and her husband, Allen of Madison, IN, Kimberly Garland and her husband, John of Lexington, IN; her brothers, Larry Paul Sedam and his wife, Tammy of Lexington, IN, Larry Leep and his wife, Marion of Baltic, CT; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Larry P. Sedam, Sr.; her mother, Juanita Scudder Sedam; her daughter, Kristie Lynn Aldridge. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Michael Cammack at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow at a later date. Friends may visit Friday, July 19, 2024, from 4 — 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Paynesville Christian Church or the Kent Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Karen Kay Bruther Wilson

Karen Kay Bruther Wilson, age 74, of Lexington, IN, entered this life on December 26, 1949, at King’s Daughter’s Hospital in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late George Lee “Fritz” and Nancy Coons Bruther. She was a 1967 graduate of Southwestern High School and went on to graduate from House of James Cosmetology school in 1968. She married Ray Wilson on November 21, 1969, at North Madison Christian Church. This happy union of 54 years was blessed with four children, Heather, Robert, Jessica, and Amanda. She lived most of her life in the Jefferson county community and was a devoted homemaker, raising her four wonderful children. She was a faithful member of the North Madison Church of Christ in Madison. At church she taught the young children’s Bible study for many years. She enjoyed traveling, sewing, and spending time with her grandchildren. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Karen passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024, at



10:13 a.m. at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, OH. Karen will be missed by her loving husband of 54 years, Ray Wilson of Lexington, IN; her loving daughters, Heather J. Tremblett and her husband, Neil of Indianapolis, IN; Jessica R. Wise and her husband, Kevin of St. Louis, MO; Amanda J. McGaughey and her husband, Rodney of Bowling Green, KY; her loving son, Robert M. Wilson and his wife, Sara of Crestwood, KY; her grandchildren, Kaylynn, Isabel, Tristan, Tait, Marah, Silas, Cullan, Micah, Hadassah, Gretchen, Caroline, Madeline, Olivia, Sawyer, Evelyn, Jacob, and Gabriel; her sister, Fritz Jackson and her husband, Denny of Milton, KY; her sisters in law, Yvonne Bruther of Madison, IN; Pauline Bruther of

Hanover, IN; Linda Sloffer and her husband, Sam of Hanover, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, George Lee “Fritz” Bruther; her mother, Nancy Coons Bruther; her brothers, Ronald “Ron” Bruther, and Kenneth “Kenny” Bruther. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, July 22, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Gospel Preacher Zach Birkman at the North Madison Church of Christ, 3008 Clifty Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Sharon Hill Cemetery in Lexington, IN. Friends may visit Sunday, July 21, 2024, from 5 — 8 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN, and Monday, July 22, 2024, from 9:30 a.m. until time of the service at the North Madison Church of Christ, 3008 Clifty Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Hill Cemetery. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Billie R. Hatch Evans

Billie R. Hatch Evans, age 93, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on April 17, 1931 in Hope, AR. She was the daughter of the late Elwood and Audrey Parcell Hatch. Billie died on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 4:45 p.m. at Thornton Terrace Health Campus Hanover, IN. Billie will be missed by her loving son, Gregory Evans of Hanover, IN; her loving daughter, Karyn Boase of Warren, MI; her grandchildren, Ryan Boase (Mindy), Timothy Boase (Kathryn), Jonathan Boase (Jannette), Sean Evans (Jennifer), and Allison Hoskins (Derek); her great grandchildren, Myles Boase, Mila Boase, Jackson Boase, Claire Hoskins, Alexandra Hoskins, Skye

Hoskins, Asher Hoskins, Cassian Hoskins, Cooper Evans, Rhys Evans, Brynn Evans, and her sisters, Gale Adams of Hope, AR, Janice Kidd of Hope, AR; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Elwood Hatch; her mother, Audrey Parcell Hatch; her husband, Nelson A. Evans, died June 19, 1997; her sister, Carline Pickard; her brother, LC Hatch; her son in law, Donald Boase. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Luke Richards at the Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East LaGrange Road in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial

Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Wednesday from 4 — 7 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street Hanover, IN, and Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East LaGrange Road in Hanover, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation or the Hanover United Methodist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

OBITUARIES

Christopher Thomas Hunt

Christopher Thomas Hunt, age 58, (Affectionately known as Critter T) of Boulder Creek, CA, formerly of Versailles, IN, entered this life on January 28, 1966, in Madison IN. Chris was the son of Graham T. and Mary Lee Hunt. Chris was very well known in the Versailles area and if you could not find him, he was down at the Versailles State Park fishing with his cane pole. He was a 1984 graduate of South Ripley High School where he played varsity baseball. While in school he attended Southeastern Indiana Vocational School studying Industrial Building Trades. He worked for several different contractors in the area before he became his own boss. Many of the houses in the surrounding areas have his personal touch. Chris was a loving son, brother, uncle, and husband. Although Chris had no children of his own, he considered his nephews and nieces his children. Chris moved to California and began working for Hudson Mechanical Construction in Anderson CA, from 2009 — 2021. On July 31, 2010, he was united in marriage



to Devona Boerema in Kelseyville, CA. They had 14 years of love, laughter, and happiness. Chris left us on March 12, 2024, after a truly short illness at Dominica Hospital in Santa Cruz, CA. In his leaving his last gift was the gift of life for others. Chris is living on in the lives of many. Chris will be missed by his wife, Devona Boerema Hunt, as well as her children, Melissa Brown and Darryl Brown all of CA; his father, Graham Hunt of Deputy, IN; his sisters, Susan Michele Hunt of Versailles, IN, M. Angela Hunt of Redding, CA, and Nancy C. Barr and her companion, Jesse L. Perry of Hanover, IN; his nephews and nieces, Ryan T. Hunt and his wife, Holli of Richmond, KY, Marianne Nieman and her partner, Yu Chung Lee of

Malden, MA, Adam J. Barr and his companion, Holly Harvey of Camp Verde, AZ, Jeremy L. Barr and his wife April, of Madison, IN, Jared A. Hewitt of Versailles, IN, Jessica A. Barr of Madison, IN, and Todd M. Pollard and his wife, Karen of Turners Station, KY; Chris had 16 great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, and countless friends. Chris was preceded in death by his biggest supporter, best friend, and loving mother, Mary Lee Hunt, died August 3, 2021, and his mother-in-law, Judy Ann Charley. There will be a Celebration of Life Gathering for Chris held on Sunday, July 28, 2024, from 1 — 6 p.m. at the Versailles American Legion Park on Highway 50 in Versailles, IN. Everyone is welcome. Come celebrate his life with us. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation In Memory of Mary Hunt. Cards are available at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Clyde Sturgill

Clyde Sturgill, age 74, of Canaan, IN, entered this life on July 7, 1950, in Benham, KY. He was the loving son of the late John and Louie Fouts Sturgill. He was a 1968 graduate of Cumberland High School, and went on to obtain an Associate's Degree from the University of Indianapolis. He married Brenda Cole and from this marriage came his two adoring children. He later married Lea Ann Long on November 13, 1993, in their living room in Greenfield, IN, blending two families together. He served in the United States army and rose to the rank of E-4 during the Vietnam era. He later taught for the University of Indianapolis, and then retired from Berns Construction in 1993 after 15 years. He had moved to the Canaan area in 2004, living in Greenfield prior. He loved gun collecting and shooting, as well as hunting, fishing, camping, and riding motorcycles. He was a proud member of the NRA and the Switzerland County Sportsman Society. He was a member of Brushy Fork Baptist Church. Clyde died on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 3:27 a.m. at his residence in Canaan, IN.



Clyde will be missed by his loving wife, Lea Ann Long Sturgill of Canaan, IN; his loving son, Jeffery Sturgill of Greenfield, IN; his loving daughter, Melissa Sturgill of Knightstown, IN; his grandchildren, Christine, Savannah, Damien, Olivia, Alexis, and Alyssa; his great-grandchildren, Skyler, Lennon, Alethea, Rosalie, and Brooklyn; his sisters, Anita McKinley and her husband, Charles of Moores Hill, IN, Verda May Smith of St. Augustine, FL, Barbara Jean Smith and her husband, Arlow of St. Augustine, FL; Dolores Gail Strickland of NC, Linda Joyce Zeigler and her husband, Roger of St. Augustine, FL; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, John Sturgill;

his mother, Louie Fouts Sturgill; his step-daughter, Vicky Lea Bryant; his brothers, Oscar Sturgill, Alvin Sturgill, Willard Sturgill, Clarence Sturgill, Charlie Sturgill, and his sister, Loretta Fields. Memorial services will be conducted on Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Chris Clemans and Pastor John Hart at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow at a later date in the Monte Vista Cemetery in Cumberland, KY. Friends may visit Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brushy Fork Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Joshua Robbins, 38, of Hanover, IN, died Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Hanover Nursing Center in Hanover. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle

Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Madison, IN, www.lytlewelty.com. **Daniel “Danny” Hunt Wilson, 75**, of East Enterprise, IN, died

Friday, July 12, 2024, at his residence. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Habitat for Humanity accepting applications for home repair

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana is now accepting applications for home repairs in Jefferson and Switzerland counties. Qualifying applicants include: People over the age of 60, the disabled, and veterans. Applicants must have a financial need and be unable to perform the repairs themselves. Income must be less than 80% of the area median Income, and the applicant must own their home.

Homeowners pay a \$100 down payment and pay only for the materials used to repair their home. Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana (HFHSEI) offers affordable, critical home repairs to current homeowners to enable them to continue living safely and comfortably in their homes for years to come. Habitat for Humanity is an Equal Housing Opportunity organization. To apply, visit: <https://www.habitat-madisonindiana.org/homerepair>

SOLAR

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county government, and “we have to make the best decision if an abatement is potentially granted” but not on whether solar operations should or should not be in Jefferson County. The decision on conditional use of the Saluda Township acreage as a solar industry will be made by the County Board of Zoning Appeals with the proposal expected to come before that board later this fall. Prior to this application, the County Plan Commission had anticipated the possibility that solar operations might look at Jefferson County. At that time, the county had no solar policies until guidelines were adopted by the Jefferson County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in the spring of 2023.

Cressner said Orion’s purpose at Tuesday’s Council meeting was not to seek a decision but to provide information. “This is going to be a long public process as part of zoning process,” he said, adding that all questions are welcome. “It’s important to us for the community to understand the full picture of a project like this while addressing their concerns, and weighing the pros and cons. It is important for us to be transparent” for people “to understand all the facts and get it out there.” He said final consideration of “what an abatement might look like” is part of “a longer conversation.”

If approvals are received for the solar project to move forward in Jefferson County, Justin Wolf, Orion senior director, said several months to a year is likely to pass before construction would begin while a contractor is sought and solar supplies are acquired. Should the project gain all approvals, and depending how long that takes, he said completion could range from 2026 to 2028.

Warren Auxier, of Hanover, said the county should look at the project as a business opportunity, weighing the pros and cons, because that’s how solar industries view investing in communities. “This is a business transaction. Orion Solar comes to our community, not because they want to benefit our community, not because they have a huge liking for Jefferson County, they come here to make a dollar, business-wise,” Auxier said. “There’s nothing wrong with that. Many other businesses do, and it’s a very positive thing for our community.” However, Auxier said County Council needs to bring in the experts to evaluate tax assessments and tax abatements to thoroughly understand how the solar project will

impact Jefferson County. “We hear \$201 million in property taxes” the county will receive during the 35-year life expectancy of the solar project, but “that doesn’t mean you’re getting a new or additional \$201 million. That levy, other than the economic development study, goes into what your current tax base is,” adding it’s a complicated process. He also cited higher costs per acre for solar usage in northern Indiana, while acres cost less in southern Indiana, which he said in itself is an incentive for a solar operator to want to locate in Jefferson County. “It’s very possible, and highly likely, this project would still go forward without the abatements,” he noted.

Some attended the meeting thinking it was a proposed 1,000-acre solar energy development on Madison’s hilltop associated with Aypa Power — the same company that previously received approval to develop a battery farm for storing electricity near the site they are now proposing for a solar operation. That solar development, under consideration by the city of Madison as part of Madison’s buffer zone, must still come before City Council, though the city’s plan commission recently voted to not recommend council approval.

“This really is a massive topic” with solar, said Foy. “It is hard to understand everything ... So many people may not realize that this may be a different company, a different set of landowners, a different proposal ... It is confusing.”

Cory Thomas, the Saluda Township Trustee and a member of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department, spoke in support of the solar project because of how it could potentially help to better fund the township and fire protection. His family’s farm is also one of the properties to be leased by the project.

“From a fire department in this area, we are operating off a tax base that was created in the 1970s, so I am taxed with saving people’s lives on a budget that a lot of people make more than we have as a budget for the fire service,” Thomas said, adding that potential for better funding for the fire department would allow for upgrading equipment and providing better service for the public safety of the community.

County Auditor Heather Huff cautioned about any additional funding that might be coming, “Our tax levy is controlled by the state so we’re not going to possibly have \$2 million extra every year,” she noted. “It’s only going to lower other people’s tax and we will stay at the growth that the state says we can grow. So, at no point of time is there additional money other than the payment in lieu of taxes.”

Karen Stoner, who has lived on Ten Cent Road 30 years, expressed her concern at how a solar operation might impact the beauty of the area. “I’ve

traveled in the last month and drove past solar farms, and they’re not pretty. It’s nice drive to our house, and look in the fields, and see the wheat, and see the corn. It’s pretty, and it’s what should be there.”

Yvonna Thomas, the mother of Cory Thomas, and whose land would be leased, suggested the operation would have little impact on wildlife but potentially a big impact on property owners means to continue ownership for future generations.

“This is our farm ground. It’s going to be surrounded by trees. There’s still going to be deer. There is going be foxes. There’s still going to be wildlife,” she said. “What we do with our property to protect it for my grandchildren, and their grandchildren should be up to us ... We’re just trying to survive and keep our property for generations to come.”

Karen Stoner’s husband, Greg, said too many farms are being taken out of production for projects like solar, suggesting that his “grandchildren aren’t going to be able to eat in 30 years” because of the increase in the cost of food. “The cost of living is going to skyrocket because we’ve taken farmland out of the equation. You can’t replace beauty. Solar panels are ugly. It doesn’t matter who’s looking at it, it’s ugly as sin.”

Lisa Hammock, of Madison, another landowner whose property would be leased by the project and also has property committed to the solar development proposed by Aypa Power, said her husband, Tony, farms 6,000 acres and that solar allows farmers to diversify.

“What it does, is it ensures income” during the years that crop prices might be down,” she said, adding that the projects “also allow farming under solar.”

The meeting was also attended by several Clark County residents, who both opposed and supported solar. Christine Horsley expressed concern about water contamination, noise, and the impact on property values. Sandy Basham of Charlestown said, “I do know there are counties in Indiana that are regretting the decisions they have made when it comes to their setbacks. You’ve got one shot to get this right ... You should really think about what you want to do and not make any hasty decisions.”

Max Zimmerman of Charlestown told about a plan for building 500 homes on a 180-acre farm in Memphis and noted he prefers a solar project to that type of housing development.

“We don’t want that many people living in our area. That’s over 1,000 cars per day,” Zimmerman said. “I’d rather have solar because I have no more neighbors to worry about” while keeping a farm in the family. “I don’t think solar is going to hurt the land. It’s is actually going to be better because they’re not putting all the chemicals as they do today.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS

Music at the Mansion

Lanier Mansion State Historic Site
601 West First Street, Madison
Saturday, July 27, 6-8 p.m.
Bring yawn chairs and blankets to the mansion grounds for an evening of live music by Celtic folk band Keltricity. Free admission.

Concert with GloryWay

Hanover Baptist Church
3894 West State Road 56, Hanover
Sunday, July 21 — 6 p.m.
Free admission but there will be a freewill offering during the concert.

SENIOR EVENTS

Hanover Senior Citizens Center

Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street
Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6. Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.

Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.

The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The games are free and open to senior citizens.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

331 East Main St., Madison
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East 2nd St., Madison
Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity United Methodist Church, Madison
Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call 812-866-4843.

PACE

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believes that if had been inspected, it would have, which is why we are bringing to you for approval,” said Schell. “This is one that the aluminum siding is literally holding it together.”

The two-story Italianate circa 1860 structure at 811 East Second, owned since April by Brian and Lori Martin, was the highest scoring of the PACE applications. The PACE Review Committee gave 811.5 East Second Street (the east side of the duplex) a score of 50 while 811 East Second Street (west side) scored 50.67.

The structure, easily seen coming into the city from the Milton-Madison Bridge, was built as a duplex that was originally two parcels, later merged, and then split again earlier this month by the city plan commission.

“This property has been talked about frequently because it is so visible but yet in such deteriorating condition that has been allowed to essentially self destruct over a long period because of a lack of maintenance,” said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.

As a condition of the approval, Courtney asked that the work at the 811 East Second Street property also include an out building behind the house that is in bad condition, asking that it “be dealt with to the city’s satisfaction by completion of construction of the two primary structures,” Courtney said.

A \$25,000 dilapidated structures PACE grant was also awarded to 118 West Fifth Street, owned by Dave Patterson of Holton. Schell noted the house requires significant work. The former longtime residence of Charles O’Banion, has stood lifted on i-beams for several years and Schell said “it needs everything from foundation work to roofing, sliding, framing, doors and windows” and is a long-neglected property that was first listed as unsafe in 2012.



Bob Demaree

Workers were busy this week cleaning brick and tuck pointing the former Cinnamon Tea Room and apartments, 302 and 304 West Street at the corner of Second and West streets in downtown Madison. The renovation is being funded in part by two of the city’s \$25,000 PACE dilapidated structure grants whiel matching private investment is estimated at \$1.4 million.

Courtney called the seven PACE grants awarded the “most impactful round” of PACE funding this year because of the private investment they will create. The owners will invest \$2,018,032.77 on the seven properties compared to the \$175,000 PACE grant total, a ratio of nearly 13:1.

“That is a phenomenal leverage ratio showing the impact of PACE on high profile, high visible dilapidated structures,” he said.

BPWS also approved two amendments to previously

awarded grants. At 1003 East Street, owned by Brian Marshall, \$750 was deducted from his dilapidated structures grant because vinyl windows were used, which PACE guidelines do not allow. The grant was reduced to \$24,250. At 108 East Third Street, owned by Bill and Stacy Barnes, a brick wall was taken out of the scope of work, that will now focus on two historic rear building structures.

A final PACE grant disbursement of \$12,500 was awarded for 815-817 West Second Street, owned by Cornerstone

Society in which the other half of the \$25,000 dilapidated structures grant was previously awarded. Schell noted it was a full exterior restoration of windows, siding and doors. The total cost of the project was \$118,873.

A final PACE dilapidated structure grant of \$9,659.37 for 110 East Main Street, where the Village Lights Bookstore continues to operate by appointment only on the upper floors. “Their work while not 100% visible from the street was very important” because of the work to restore

the integrity of the wall, said Schell. “Had it collapsed, it would have caused a lot of issues.” Now, the wall is fully restored.

A final PACE rehabilitation grant of \$7,500 was awarded for 417 West Second Street, owned by Philip and Karen LeGrand, to replace a modern porch design with a more historically accurate porch.

Because all PACE funding for 2024 has been utilized, Schell said the next round of awards will be in January 2025 with applications due by Dec. 2.

Smart Strategies for Retirement Maximizing Your Savings and Investments



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad Retirement Planning/Wealth Management

Planning for retirement is one of the most crucial financial endeavors you will undertake in your lifetime. With the right strategies, you can ensure a comfortable and secure retirement, maximizing your savings and investments. This article will delve into smart strategies to help you make the most of your retirement planning.

Start Early and Contribute Regularly

The earlier you start saving for retirement, the more time your money has to grow. Compounding interest, where the interest earned on your investments is reinvested to earn more interest, can significantly boost your retirement savings over time. Even small, regular contributions can add up to a substantial nest egg. Automating your contributions ensures consistency and discipline, making it easier to stay on track with your retirement goals. Take Advantage of Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans Many employers offer retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans, which provide an excellent opportunity to save for retirement. These plans often come with employer matching contributions, effectively giving you free money for your retirement savings. Contribute at least enough to get the full match from your employer. Additionally, these plans often offer tax advantages, either by deferring taxes on your contributions until withdrawal (traditional 401(k)) or by providing tax-free withdrawals in retirement (Roth 401(k)).

Diversify Your Investments

Diversification is a key strategy to manage risk and optimize returns. By spreading your investments across different asset

classes, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate, you reduce the impact of poor performance in any single asset. Consider your risk tolerance and investment horizon when selecting your asset allocation. Younger investors can afford to take more risks with a higher allocation to stocks, while those closer to retirement should shift towards more conservative investments to preserve their capital.

Utilize Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)

IRAs offer additional opportunities to save for retirement with tax advantages. Traditional IRAs allow for tax-deductible contributions, growing tax-deferred until withdrawal, while Roth IRAs provide tax-free growth and tax-free withdrawals in retirement. The contribution limits for IRAs are generally lower than for 401(k) plans, but they offer more flexibility in investment choices. Consider maxing out your IRA contributions each year to boost your retirement savings.

Monitor and Adjust Your Retirement Plan

Regularly reviewing and adjusting your retirement plan is crucial to staying on track. Life circumstances, market conditions, and financial goals can change over time, necessitating adjustments to your strategy. Monitor your investment performance, rebalancing your portfolio as needed to maintain your desired asset allocation. Also, keep an eye on changes to tax laws and retirement plan regulations that might impact your savings strategy.

Consider Professional Financial Advice

Navigating the complexities of retirement planning can be challenging. A professional financial advisor can provide valuable insights and personalized strategies to maximize your savings and investments. They can help you assess your financial situation, set realistic retirement goals, and develop a comprehensive plan to achieve them. While there is a cost associated with professional advice, the potential benefits in optimizing your retirement strategy can outweigh the expense.

Maximize Catch-Up Contributions

As you approach retirement age, take advantage of catch-up contributions allowed in retirement accounts like 401(k)s and IRAs. Individuals aged 50 and older can contribute additional amounts beyond the standard limits, allowing you to significantly boost your retirement savings in the final years of your career. These catch-up contributions can help make up for any shortfalls in your savings and ensure you have a more substantial nest egg for retirement.

Plan for Healthcare Costs

Healthcare can be one of the largest expenses in retirement.

Incorporating healthcare costs into your retirement planning is essential to avoid financial strain. Consider contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA) if you are eligible, as HSAs offer tax-advantaged savings for medical expenses. Additionally, explore options for long-term care insurance to protect your savings from significant healthcare costs in the later stages of life.

Create a Withdrawal Strategy

A well-thought-out withdrawal strategy is crucial to ensuring your retirement savings last throughout your retirement. Determine the optimal order to withdraw funds from different accounts, considering tax implications and required minimum distributions (RMDs). Balancing withdrawals from taxable, tax-deferred, and tax-free accounts can help minimize taxes and extend the longevity of your retirement savings.

Stay Informed and Educated

Retirement planning is an ongoing process that requires staying informed about financial markets, investment options, and changes in retirement laws. Continuously educating yourself about retirement planning can help you make informed decisions and adapt your strategy as needed. There are numerous resources available, including books, online courses, and financial news outlets, to help you stay up-to-date and knowledgeable about retirement planning.

By implementing these smart strategies, you can maximize your savings and investments, ensuring a financially secure and comfortable retirement. Starting early, taking advantage of employer-sponsored plans, diversifying investments, utilizing IRAs, and seeking professional advice are all key steps to achieving your retirement goals. Remember, the effort you put into planning and saving for retirement today will pay off in the future, providing you with peace of mind and financial stability during your golden years.

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Madison Courier boys track & field Athlete of the Year

Cosby goes from late bloomer to sectional champ

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

The first time Madison boys track & field coach Scott Holcroft saw Jason Cosby in junior high, he knew Cosby would be a perfect fit for his team. The son of a former Madison standout, he had all of the physical tools to be a star. The only problem was, Cosby wasn't interested. It took three years for Holcroft to get Cosby on the track but it proved to be worth the wait.

"It was actually my friends that talked me into it. They were like 'you gotta do track.' I started going to the track workouts and they were kind of brutal, but I was like, I can't bail now," Cosby said with a laugh.

"It was just kind of awkward on that first day because I didn't know who anybody was and they were like 'you're gonna love this, blah, blah, blah.'"

"And I was like, OK, I'll give it a chance. And I fell in love with it."

That first day of practice this year, Cosby had to be taught how to hold the shot and discus properly. Three months later, he was a double sectional champion and the Madison Courier's Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year.

Cosby's success was no surprise to Holcroft, who hounded Cosby for three years to get him out for the team.

"The true story he didn't say was, he was in sixth grade when I had him in class and he was wandering the halls and I kept bugging him about it. And then he didn't do middle school," Holcroft said. "Then he appeared this year, and I was like, 'Yes,



Nina Campbell

Madison sophomore Jason Cosby is the Madison Courier Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year.

here we go!" And from there, he set some goals for himself and achieved them."

As an complete novice to the sport, Cosby began learning the sport the best way he could by watching competitors at meets and videos online. He would study the way others threw the shot and discus and dissect which techniques worked and which ones didn't. Then he would try to mimic what he saw.

Cosby's transformation was jarring.

Week-by-week he got better and better, and in just his third meet, he was already in the top 10 in school history in both the shot put and discus.

"When I started off the season, I didn't know anything. I didn't know how to throw the shot, and I couldn't do the discus to save my life," Cosby said. "I didn't really like (the discus) at first because it was so difficult; it

MADISON COURIER BOYS TRACK & FIELD ALL-COURIERAREA TEAM			
Name	School	Class	
Jason Cosby,	Madison*	Jr.	
Kolvin Beck,	Switzerland Co.	So.	
Cale Collier,	Switzerland Co.	Jr.	
Colton Copeland,	Madison	Sr.	
Mason Davis,	Madison	Jr.	
Eli Dodge,	Madiso	Sr.	
Jake Dyer,	Madison	Jr.	
Logan Ferris,	Madison	Sr.	
Seth Franklin,	Carroll Co	Sr.	
Travis Hoffman,	Madiso	Sr.	
Garrett Johnson,	Southwestern	Sr.	
Will Laufer,	Madison	Jr.	
Kaden Riley,	Switzerland Co.	Sr.	
Bryce Weber,	Southwestern	So.	
*Athlete of the Year			

took a lot of learning. And then once the season started picking up and we actually started doing

meets and I got to see other people throw, I felt real good about it."

Duran's 2-run homer gives AL 5-3 win in All-Star Game

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP BASEBALL WRITER

ARLINGTON, Texas — Speedy Jarren Duran describes himself as a player who keeps his head down, works hard and never thinks of himself as being better than anybody else.

Duran turned some heads in his first All-Star Game, hitting a tiebreaking two-run homer for the American League and being awarded the MVP trophy named after Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams.

"That's an honor. Who else would I want to try to follow in the footsteps of besides a guy like that, who is not just a great baseball player but a great human being,"

Duran said after becoming the fifth Red Sox player selected All-Star Game MVP.

"That guy was awesome, and I'm honored to be able to have his award."

The decisive homer came in the fifth inning Tuesday night as the AL beat the National League 5-3 for its 10th win in the past 11 All-Star Games.

Pittsburgh rookie Paul Skenes pitched a hitless first for the NL, twice hitting 100 mph, and Shohei Ohtani also went deep in Texas with a three-run homer for a 3-0 lead in the third.

Juan Soto hit a two-run double and scored on David Fry's single to tie the score in the AL third, and Duran went deep off Cincinnati's Hunter Greene.

"It's a surreal moment. So I'm just thankful to be here," said Duran, who was one of 39 first-time All-Stars this year.

Oakland right-hander Mason Miller got the win after throwing a 103.6 mph pitch, the fastest in the All-Star Game since tracking began in 2008. Hard-throwing Cleveland closer Emmanuel Clase struck out two in the ninth for the save.

The 22-year-old Skenes, who has pitched only 11 big league

games since being the No. 1 overall pick in the draft last July, became the first rookie starter since 1995 and had the fewest games played for any player to make an All-Star team.

The right-hander threw a hitless first, with a two-out walk to Soto before his Yankees teammate Aaron Judge grounded into a forceout on the next pitch.

Skenes threw 11 of 16 pitches for strikes, with seven fastballs up to 100.1 mph.

"Frankly, I wish I'd had a few more pitches to do that today," said Skenes, who has a good mix of pitches to go with the hard stuff. "It's cool to bring eyes to the game."

Ohtani, who has gone deep 29 times in the first season of his record \$700 million, 10-year deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers, pulled a 400-foot drive to right off Tanner Houck.

That came after the Boston right-hander allowed singles to the first two batters he faced: No. 9 batter Jurickson Profar and leadoff hitter Ketel Marte.

"I haven't really hit well in the All-Star Game, so I'm just relieved that I put the ball in play," Ohtani said. "I just focused on having a regular at-bat as if I was in the regular season."

When Ohtani went against Miller in the fifth, he struck out on an 89.2 mph slider well inside and out of the strike zone. That was after twice taking strikes on fastballs of more than 100 mph.

Ohtani's first All-Star homer made him the first Dodgers player to go deep in the Midsummer Classic since Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza in 1996. Eleven days after his 30th birthday, Ohtani was an All-Star for the fourth time — his first with the NL.

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Madison duo 10th in high school bass tourney on Lake Monroe

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Madison Consolidated High School Bass Fishing team competed in its second tournament of the 2024 season on Saturday in Bloomington at the Cutright Launch of Lake Monroe.

A total of 70 boats and 140 anglers were competing on the perennially tough fishery. The ultimate winner was Lake Monroe as 45% of the teams were unable to land a 14-inch or longer bass.

Of the teams turning in a keeper, 21 of the 39 teams (53%) weighing fish were in Saturday's first flight of boats. Many teams were able to catch multiple fish but few were able to limit out as fishing was tough.

Madison fielded nine teams in the tournament and only four weighed legal fish.

Madison's top team in the High School Division was Brayden Perry and Clayton Ross with three fish weighing 5.88 pounds. The team, captained by Randy Spry, finished the tournament in 10th place.

Madison's highest finishing pair was in the Junior Division, as Gavin Brittain and Floyd Davis IV placed fourth on Saturday with a 2.06 pound bass. That team is captained by Randy Spry Jr.

Madison's High School Division teams of Carson Craig and Nick Johnson weighed in 2.14 and Ayden Liter and Braxton Bray landed 2.08 pounds.

The Madison High School Division teams of Cooper Chandler and Owain Kelsey,



Indiana Bass Federation

Madison's Brayden Perry (left) and Clayton Ross placed 10th in the Indiana Bass Federation youth tourney at Lake Monroe on Saturday.

Jackson Dean and Gabe Wall-Polley, Grant Comer and Sawyer Felts, and Carson Cammack and Mitchell Cammack and Junior High Division team of Kaden Ehlers and Brantley Conover were all unable to land a legal fish.

The overall event winners in the High School Division were Logan Lopossa and Tim Wheeler of Owen Valley with five fish weighing 10.28 pounds and East Central's Hank Timon snagged the Big Bass award at 5.8 pounds.

After two Indiana Bass

Federation Youth events, the duo of Wes Warnock and Eli Van Ness from Speedway lead the High School Division standings with 197 points. Madison's Perry and Ross sit in eighth place with 177 points while the Cammack brothers, Carson and Mitchell, are 21st with 149 points.

In the Junior Division, Gavin Brittain and Floyd Davis IV currently sit second with 196 points.

The next event will once again be on Lake Monroe on Aug. 10.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR			
FRIDAY, JULY 19 No local events	SUNDAY, JULY 21 No local events	TUESDAY, JULY 23 GOLF Carroll Co. boys at Henry Co., 8:30 a.m.	
SATURDAY, JULY 20 No local events	MONDAY, JULY 22 No local events		

Clark breaks WNBA assist record with 19 in loss

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Caitlin Clark smiled and hesitated just long enough for Indiana teammate Aliyah Boston to intercept the answer for what it meant to the rookie to set a WNBA record with 19 assists in a game.

Clark's milestone came in the Fever's 101-93 loss to the Dallas Wings on Wednesday night in the final game before the month-long break for the Olympics, which is why Boston jumped in.

"She's going to say it means nothing," Boston said. "But I think it's pretty cool. So, sorry."

Perhaps Clark hesitated because of her turnover with 36 seconds left and the Fever trailing by four. She got trapped, lost the ball on a steal by Natasha Howard and stayed crouched on the court in disbelief after the Wings called a timeout to preserve their possession.

On Clark's record-setting assist, she set up Kelsey Mitchell up for a 3-pointer that tied it at 93 with 2:22 remaining. The turnover came during Dallas' game-ending 8-0 run.

"Yeah, the late turnover. That one kills, for sure," Clark said.



Indiana Fever's Caitlin Clark, right, works to get to the basket against Dallas Wings' Odyssey Sims in the first half of a WNBA basketball game on Wednesday in Arlington, Texas.

"It's like a fine line of they were up pressuring me so then I kind of got behind them and was able to attack and then I tried to pull

it and kind of lost my handle." The previous record was 18 by Courtney Vandersloot for Chicago on Aug. 31, 2020. Vandersloot

also had 18 in a playoff game on Sept. 28, 2021. Ticha Penicheiro set the old rookie mark of 16 for Sacramento on July 29, 1998.

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Clark scored 24 points on a rough shooting night from 3-point range (2 of 9), while Boston scored 28 points on 11-of-14 shooting.

Eight of Boston's baskets came on assists from Clark.

"I just try to set my teammates up for success. I think at times I can almost overpass," Clark said.

"There probably could have been a few times were instead of passing that leads to a turnover I may have, I can probably shoot the ball.

"Especially with (Boston). I'm just looking to set her up so much. My eyes are almost always on our post players."

Clark is the first rookie and ninth player overall in WNBA history with at least 400 points and 200 assists in a season. Chelsea Gray has three such seasons, Alyssa Thomas has two and six other players — Sue Bird, Jordin Canada, Natasha Cloud, Sabrina Ionescu, Courtney Williams and Vandersloot — have done it once.

Clark's previous season high for assists was 13, set four times. The most recent was in a 95-86 victory over Phoenix on Friday night.

WNBA heads to Olympic break with big All-Star weekend

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — The WNBA heads into its monthlong Olympic break following this weekend's highly anticipated All-Star festivities.

The Olympic team's matchup with Team WNBA featuring Caitlin Clark and Angel Reese will be one of the toughest games the American squad will potentially play over the month.

In 2021, the WNBA All-Star team beat Team USA behind the MVP performance of Arike Ogunbowale. It was the only loss the Americans had en route to winning their seventh

straight gold medal.

"We will not forget that," U.S. coach Cheryl Reeve said of the loss in 2021. "We will see what we can do, given the challenges of time. They don't have time together either. There's a lot of talent over there and it should be an incredible game."

Ogunbowale is back for this year's All-Star Game as well as Jonquel Jones. Both played on that winning team in 2021. Jones remembered there was a tone before the game from the All-Stars that was different than other exhibition contests.

"It felt more serious at the start like we're going

to go win this," Jones said. "It definitely had more of that real game at the beginning of the game versus that fun you expect to see at All-Star."

The weekend could have more intrigue to it if Clark and defending 3-point champion Sabrina Ionescu enter Friday night's skills competition. The league hasn't announced the participants yet.

Ionescu, who set a record in the contest last year hitting 20 straight shots en route to scoring 37 of a possible 40 points, said she hasn't decided yet whether she'll compete.

"First off, I have a lot going on. The one I had

at the WNBA All-Star, not sure I'm ever going to top that," she said. "That's one of those moments in sports where you are like I can't believe that happened. Every time I see that video it brings me back to that time."

AP WNBA POLL

New York remains in the top spot in this week's AP WNBA power poll with Las Vegas moving back into second. Connecticut, Seattle, Minnesota and Indiana were the next four. Phoenix and Chicago were seventh and eighth. Washington and Los Angeles followed. Atlanta and Dallas rounded out the poll.

Each team has one game left before break.

CAITLIN CORNER

Clark's streak of double-figure assists ended at five, but the Indiana Fever still beat the Minnesota Lynx for their fourth win in the past six games. Clark now leads the league in assists per game at 7.8. Before the All-Star weekend festivities, the Fever close out the first part of the season in Dallas on Wednesday.

ROOKIE WATCH

Rickeya Jackson continues her strong play with Los Angeles. She had a season-best 23 points

in the Sparks' 87-81 win over Dallas on Saturday. Jackson is averaging 11.2 points while shooting nearly 46% from the field this season.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

A'ja Wilson earned AP Player of the Week honors for the second consecutive week. The Aces forward continued her dominating play as she averaged 28.3 points, 18.3 rebounds and 3.7 blocks to help Las Vegas go 3-0. Sabrina Ionescu of New York also received votes.

GAME OF THE WEEK

U.S. Olympic team vs WNBA All-Stars, Saturday.

MLB to consider returning to club uniforms for All-Stars

BY RONALD BLUM
AP BASEBALL WRITER

ARLINGTON, Texas — Major League Baseball will consider going back to having players wear their team uniforms for the All-Star Game.

Club uniforms were used by the American League from 1933-2019 and by the National League from 1934-2019. When the game resumed in 2021 following the pandemic-related cancellation in 2020, MLB had started a uniform contract with Nike and Fanatics, and All-Stars were outfitted in specially designed league uniforms that drew criticism from traditionalists.

This year's AL uniforms had a sandy base with red sleeves and lettering and the NL had a navy base with light blue sleeves and lettering. "I'm aware of the sentiment on this issue," Manfred told the Baseball Writers' Association of America on Tuesday.

"I think where my head is on it, it's something we're going to have a conversation about coming out of the All-Star Game. We've got a lot of uniform things going on. And, obviously, the conversations have to involve the players first and foremost but Nike, some of our partners. "But I am aware of the sentiment, and I do know why people kind of like that tradition."

MLB and Nike were criticized for club uniforms this year and said in May that 2025 club outfits will have larger lettering on the back of jerseys and individual pant customization. Players complained this year that white pants worn by some teams are see-through enough to show tucked-in jersey tops.

REGIONAL SPORTS NETWORKS

Manfred said a national steaming package of local

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television broadcasts is a future possibility. "I could see a situation where we grow into a 30-club model. It might start on the digital side, where you have 14 or 15 clubs, and, you start with a digital product there as your first alternative," he said. "I was in Sun Valley last week and I did the whole speed-dating thing with everybody who's ever streamed anything. When you talk to people in the streaming business, they're not really interested in buying the state of Wisconsin and two counties in Michigan," Manfred added.

"They want to be able to stream quite frankly, all over the U.S. and Canada but more broadly internationally. So I think those conversations are a product of owners saying, holy cow, the RSN business is really deteriorating. We know the future's going to be streaming. What we're hearing from the streamers is they want a more national product, and we need to be responsive to what people want to buy."

MLB took over production of Arizona and San Diego local television broadcasts last year following the bankruptcy of Diamond Sports' Bally networks and said MLB will be available as an option for teams

looking for new deals. He said Padres game are approaching 40,000 subscribers, which he called a good figure.

"Having said that, from a revenue perspective it is not generating what the RSNs did," Manfred said. "The RSNs were a great business. Lots of people paid for programing they didn't necessarily want. And it's hard to replicate that kind of revenue absent that kind of bundling concept."

OFFENSE

While offense is near half-century lows, it has picked up from early in the season. "The decline in offense is something that we're paying a lot of attention to and we'll continue to monitor to make a decision as to whether we think we need to do something. You do hear a lot of chatter about the dominance of pitching in the game. That's absolutely true."

BIRMINGHAM

After the success of the June 20 game between San Francisco and St. Louis at Rickwood Field, Manfred said MLB will return to the ballpark in Birmingham, Alabama, but the "exact form" had not been determined.

Singer Andress says she was drunk during panned anthem, to get treatment

BY MARIA SHERMAN
AP MUSIC WRITER

After a widely panned performance of the U.S. national anthem at the MLB Home Run Derby, country singer Ingrid Andress apologized Tuesday and said she was drunk.

"I'm checking myself into a facility today to get the help I need," she wrote in an Instagram post.

"That was not me last night. I apologize to MLB, all the fans, and this country I love so much for that rendition."

The MLB is not commenting, spokesperson Matt Bourne said.

A representative for Andress said there will be no additional comment at this time.

On Monday night, the four-time Grammy nominee belted an a cappella version of "The Star-Spangled Banner," an incredibly challenging song to sing. Clips of her less-than-popular rendition at the Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, went viral.

Sports Illustrated writer Alex Carr posted on X, formerly Twitter, "I'm so sorry, I'm sure Ingrid Andress is a wonderful person, but that was one of the worst national anthems I think I've ever heard in my whole life."

Here's more to know about the incident and Andress.

WHO IS INGRID ANDRESS?

Andress, 32, began her career as a Nashville songwriter, penning songs for performers across genres, including Bebe Rexha's "Girl in the Mirror," Halestorm's "Conflicted," and the critically acclaimed

"Boys," which became an international hit for British singer Charli XCX.

Soon, she inked a deal with Warner Music Nashville and Atlantic Records for her own music, releasing her debut album "Lady Like" in 2020. Her breakthrough single "More Hearts Than Mine" proceeded the release, peaked at No. 30 on the Billboard Hot 100 and remained on the list for 20 weeks.

In 2021, she released her second-biggest song to date, the country radio favorite "Wishful Drinking," a collaboration with singer Sam Hunt.

It also spent 20 weeks on the chart, peaking at No. 47.

Her sophomore album, "Good Person," was released in 2022.

WHAT WAS THE REACTION TO HER MLB HOME RUN DERBY PERFORMANCE?

Andress' performance quickly made the rounds on social media.

Vulture blogger Bethy Squires joked that Andress sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," "in cursive," a reference to a popular Internet neologism referring to pop singers stretching vowels and accentuating their vocal fry.

Chris Wright, the executive editor of Saturday Down South, was a bit more delicate: "I enjoy Ingrid Andress' music and have seen her in concert," he wrote on X. "After listening to that National Anthem, I have a newfound respect for her producers and sound crew. Wow."

This isn't the first time a performance of the national anthem has been panned.

In the pantheon of controversial renditions of the national anthem at sporting events, Roseanne Barr's rendition at a 1990 San Diego Padres game and Fergie's at the 2018 NBA All-Star Game yielded similar reactions.

Following her performance, Fergie released a statement: "I've always been honored and proud to perform the national anthem and last night I wanted to try something special for the NBA," the Grammy-winning singer said.

"I'm a risk taker artistically, but clearly this rendition didn't strike the intended tone. I love this country and honestly tried my best."

Barr responded to Fergie's performance, writing on Twitter at the time, "Who saw Fergie's national anthem performance at the NBA All Star Game? I think mine was better lowkey."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR ANDRESS?

Earlier today, Andress had four forthcoming tour dates listed online: July 17 at Nashville's Cannery Hall, July 24 at Denver's Globe Hall Live Music & BBQ, Aug. 3 at Minneapolis' Basilica Block Party, an annual music festival, and Oct. 4 at Inlet Lodge in Ocean City, Maryland, for the Country Calling festival.

Andress' official website currently only lists the two festival dates.

A representative for Andress confirmed to The Associated Press that her "upcoming shows in Nashville and Denver have been canceled, and the venues are in touch with ticket buyers regarding refunds."

US men’s basketball holds off Australia 98-92

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

There was a lot for the U.S. Olympic team to like on Monday. And a lot not to like.

Anthony Davis scored 17 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, Tyrese Haliburton came up with a pair of late 3-pointers that helped stop a freefall by the Americans, and the U.S. beat Australia 98-92 on Monday to improve to 2-0 in its five-game slate of exhibitions leading into the Paris Olympics.

Devin Booker scored 16 for the U.S., Anthony Edwards scored 14 and three players — LeBron James, Bam Adebayo and Joel Embiid — finished with 10 for the Americans, who are playing host to a pair of exhibitions at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, this week. They'll play Serbia there on Wednesday.

Jock Landale scored 20 for

Australia, which got 17 from Josh Giddey and 14 from Dyson Daniels.

The U.S. led by 24 midway through the third quarter, yet saw that lead cut to six with 5:05 left after Australia went on a 39-21 run. But Haliburton had the next six points on his 3s, pushing the lead back to 92-80.

Australia cut it to four on two separate occasions, but Booker went 4-for-4 from the line in the final 8 seconds to ensure the U.S. would escape.

“Third quarter, we started turning the ball over,” U.S. coach Steve Kerr said. “We gave up a ton of points at the basket. Back cuts, offensive boards and so, the game shifted. It’s a good lesson for us. Better to learn that lesson now than later. And this will be a good tape for us to watch. But I give Australia a ton of credit. They were great. They fought.

They were really physical. Took it to us in the last quarter and a half and really made it a game.”

SECOND UNIT, AGAIN

Just like in the Canada game, the so-called second unit — Haliburton, Jrue Holiday, Adebayo, Davis and Booker — changed the game.

That was the group on the floor when the Americans took a game that was tied at 19-19 with 3:15 left in the first and turned it into a 39-23 lead — a 20-4 run in a span of just over 5 minutes.

Kerr used that group as his starting five to open the second half. But it’s become a clear trend already: when the U.S. goes to its bench and can replace All-Stars with other All-Stars, it’s just going to be a massive problem for opponents who don’t have anywhere near that same level of depth.

“The strength of our team is

our depth and we have to utilize our depth,” Kerr said.

It’s been something the Americans have used to their advantage in the past. Dwyane Wade led the gold-medalist 2008 U.S. Olympic team in points, even though he was sixth in minutes on that team and came off the bench in all eight games.

TURNOVERS

Here’s the big trouble sign right now for the U.S.: turnovers. FIBA games are shorter than NBA games, 40 minutes instead of 48 minutes. That means there are fewer possessions and makes it even more imperative to not give the ball away.

Which the Americans did. A lot.

After committing 15 turnovers in last week’s exhibition win over Canada, the U.S. had 18 giveaways on Monday and

Australia used them to fuel the comeback effort — getting 25 points off turnovers in the second half alone.

“Our turnovers, it’s all about focus and execution,” Davis said.

INJURY WATCH

Kevin Durant missed his second consecutive game because of a calf strain, and with only one practice between games it wouldn’t seem likely that he plays Wednesday against Serbia either.

Derrick White, who arrived in Abu Dhabi over the weekend and got into his first practice with the team on Sunday, also didn’t play. White replaced Kawhi Leonard — who deals with knee issues — on the U.S. roster after the Americans determined last week that it wasn’t in Leonard’s best interest to play this summer.

Richardson out to prove she’s better after drug suspension

BY EDDIE PELLIS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Sha’Carri Richardson set the tone for her own comeback story a year ago when she won the 100-meter U.S. title, then the world championship, and brashly proclaimed: “I’m not back, I’m better.”

Now, with a trip to her first Olympics approaching, come new questions: Is she still better than a field of the fastest women on the planet? And can she handle the pressure that is unique to the Olympics?

The 24-year-old favorite in the Olympic 100 meters has been open and honest about her quest to become a more appreciative, mindful version of the person whose positive marijuana test at the 2021 U.S. Olympic trials was her unfortunate introduction to a world that knew little about her.

But in the three years that have encompassed both her stunning fall and her inspiring comeback, she has given few details of what happened. She has dropped clues about the death of her biological mother and the bout with depression following that tragedy.

All of this mystery, turmoil and, ultimately, success have made Richardson larger than life and left her enthusiastic and growing fan base wanting more. Some on social media are keenly into what hairstyle and fingernails she will show off when she runs.

It has also made her more than a mere celebrity sprinter. She is a young, famous, Black woman whose suspension evoked arguments

about race, drugs, anti-doping rules and an Olympic ecosystem that is still largely run (and reported on) by older, white men.

“It’s not a goal of mine to be known,” Richardson said. “But I definitely don’t want to be known for one thing. No one does. It’s important for me to be the best person I can be in all that matters to me, like family, community and the work that I do.”

HOW RICHARDSON COMMUNICATES WITH THE MEDIA

That insight came out of the two questions Richardson agreed to answer from The Associated Press as part of her sponsorship with Powerade. Many of her interviews over the past year or more have come with those sort of brand-placement trade-offs attached. She has offered other clues on social media, including posts in which she has unflinchingly addressed her mental-health issues, mentioning her thoughts about suicide during her teen years while also offering hope to others.

At worlds last year, there were remnants of the fracture between Richardson and the media. The behind-the-scenes Netflix series “SPRINT” showed clips of testy exchanges between her and reporters.

Reflecting on the media’s role in telling her story, she said in the documentary: “I feel like in the media, every move I make, there’s a lot of noise about it. You get what you get and you get what you give. OK, so that’s just me.” This year, her occa-



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Sha’Carri Richardson, of the United States, celebrates after winning the gold medal in the final of the Women’s 100-meters during the World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, Aug. 21, 2023.

sional in-person exchanges with reporters — most notably at the U.S. Olympic trials, where she won her second straight national title in June — have been less tense. Her comments centered on different variations of the same theme: personal growth, accountability, family. “I would say in the past few years, I’ve grown to have a better understanding of myself,” Richardson said. “I have a deeper respect and appreciation for the role I have in the sport, as well as my responsibility to the people who believe and support me.”

RICHARDSON’S GRANDMOTHER HAS GUIDED HER LIFE

The closest Richardson came to discussing the pain she endured as a child came in a friendly interview this summer with Vogue online, one she gave with the caveat that she not discuss her biological mother or the drug test. “Everything I am, it’s

because of that strong, wise Black woman,” she said of her grandmother, Betty Harp, who raised her and can usually be found sitting trackside for Richardson’s biggest races. “Everything. I mean, I’ve been blessed, because I’ve had other people in my life who have helped me along. But the foundation, that’s her.”

Richardson has plenty of time to develop as an athlete and a public figure. Some sprinters don’t hit their peak until their late 20s.

The cruel fact is that for the public to care, long-term, about any athlete in a sport that does not generate headlines in non-Olympic years, then winning a gold medal is the main way to build a legacy.

THE FAVORITE

All signs point toward Richardson getting that win in the Olympic 100-meter final, set for Aug. 3 at the Stade de France.

She won the Olympic tri-

als in 10.71 seconds — the best time in the world this year. One of her main challengers, Shericka Jackson of Jamaica, pulled up lame in a tune-up race earlier this month, bringing her fitness for the Olympics into question.

Jamaica’s Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has four more Olympics and eight more Olympic medals than Richardson. Experience matters on the sport’s biggest stage, but is it enough to outclass Richardson’s unmatched speed in 2024? “As an athlete, when you know you’ve got the talent and all eyes are on you, it’s tough,” sprint great Michael Johnson said. “And once you actually prove to yourself, and prove to the world that, ‘Hey, I can do this,’ it becomes a huge relief” that might free her up for further success.

RICHARDSON’S COMEBACK HAS MADE HER A STAR

The gold medal is still out there to be captured, but in some ways, Richardson already has won.

Her face was plastered all over Eugene, Oregon, during the Olympic trials, courtesy of her Nike shoe deal. She has been a non-stop presence in NBC’s Olympic promotions.

Richardson is not the Simone Biles of these Olympics, but once gymnastics is over and the spotlight heads to the track, there will be no more compelling character.

“The entire world was involved and got caught up in the magic of who Sha’Carri is,” said Olympic gold medalist Sanya

Richards-Ross, who covers track for NBC. “And we’ve had a wonderful opportunity to watch her deal with all of that, and to mature and grow. It’s been beautiful to see how she’s now standing in what it means to be the face of the sprints. It comes with a lot.”

SHA’CARRI IS A WORK IN PROGRESS

Great as Richardson was in the 100, there was a twinge of disappointment after she finished fourth in the 200 meters — an event where she captured the bronze medal at worlds last year. That means she won’t have a chance to win the hallowed sprint double, the way Noah Lyles will on the men’s side. But if there was a single moment that showed Richardson for everything she is as an athlete, it might have come in her very first race that week, a preliminary heat of the 100. She stumbled out of the starting block, nearly wobbled out of her lane and had to make up ground to win.

In brief comments after the race, she was the first to concede that she’s far from a finished product — still trying to get better every day under the demanding eye of her coach, Dennis Mitchell.

Only after she crossed the line did everyone realize Richardson had run that 100 in 10.88 seconds with her right shoelace untied.

So, there she was: Imperfect, a work in progress, a mysterious racer still charting her course while owning the spotlight because, in the end, she was still faster than everyone else.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• The 2024 Hanover College Summer Cross Country Racing Series is currently under way.

The series is run on Hanover’s championship caliber cross country course in successive Wednesdays starting on July 17. The first race was a 3K. The second on July 24 is a 4K and the third on July 31 will be a 5K.

Each race begins at 7 p.m. and Cost is \$5 per race. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. each event.

For more information, contact coach Brady Wells at wells@hanover.edu.

• The Hanover Parks Department is teaming up with the Jefferson County Soccer Association to offer fall soccer at Hanover Park.

Divisions are U6, U8 U11 and forms are available in the community building at Hanover Park.

Brian Sachleben will be accepting applications at Hanover Park on Saturday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Scott Davidson at 812-292-4282 or Sachleben at 502-310-8484.

• Applications for the 2024 Hanover Parks Department Fall Volleyball League are now available.

The league is open to kids in grades third through six. Cost is \$30 per child, \$25 for a second child and \$20 for a third. Deadline is Aug. 23.

For more information, contact Scott Davidson at sdavidson@townofhanover.net, 812-806-1042 or 812-292-4282.

Robot umpire challenge system could be tested

BY RONALD BLUM
AP BASEBALL WRITER

ARLINGTON, Texas — Major League Baseball could test robot umpires as part of a challenge system in spring training next year, which could lead to regular-season use in 2026.

MLB has been experimenting with the automated ball-strike system in the minor leagues since 2019 but is still working on the shape of the strike zone.

“I said at the owners meeting it is not likely that we would bring ABS to the big leagues without a spring training test. OK, so if it’s ‘24 that leaves me ‘25 as the year to do your spring training test if we can get these issues resolved, which would make ‘26 a viable possibility,” baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said Tuesday during a meeting with the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. “But is that going to be the year? I’m

not going to be flat-footed on that issue.

“We have made material progress. I think that the technology is good to a 100th of an inch. The technology in terms of the path of the ball is pluperfect.”

Triple-A ballparks have used ABS this year for the second straight season, but there is little desire to call the strike zone as the cube defined in the rule book and MLB has experimented with modifications during minor league testing.

The ABS currently calls strikes solely based on where the ball crosses the midpoint of the plate, 8.5 inches from the front and the back. The top of the strike zone was increased to 53.5% of batter height this year from 51%, and the bottom remained at 27%.

“We do have technical issues surrounding the definition of the strike zone that still need to be

worked out,” Manfred said.

After splitting having the robot alone for the first three games of each series and a human with a challenge system in the final three during the first 2 1/2 months of the Triple-A season, MLB on June 25 switched to an all-challenge system in which a human umpire makes nearly all decisions.

Each team currently has three challenges in the Pacific Coast League and two in the International League. A team retains its challenge if successful, similar to the regulations for big league teams with video reviews.

“The challenge system is more likely or more supported, if you will, than the straight ABS system,” players’ association head Tony Clark said earlier Tuesday at a separate session with the BBWAA. “There are those that have no interest in it at all. There are those that

have concerns even with the challenge system as to how the strike zone itself is going to be considered, what that looks like, how consistent it is going to be, what happens in a world where Wi-Fi goes down in the ballpark or the tech acts up on any given night.

“We’re seeing those issues, albeit in minor league ballparks,” Clark added. “We do not want to end up in a world where in a major league ballpark we end up with more questions than answers as to the integrity of that night’s game or the calls associated with it.”

Playing rules changes go before an 11-member competition committee that includes four players, an umpire and six team representatives. Ahead of the 2023 season, the committee adopted a pitch clock and restrictions on defensive shifts without support from players.

Curry steps it up in Olympic warmup win over Serbia

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephen Curry was relatively quiet offensively during the U.S. Olympic team’s first two exhibitions before the Paris Games.

He got a lot more assertive on Wednesday with his official Olympic debut less than two weeks away.

Curry scored 24 points,

Bam Adebayo added 17 and the U.S. beat Serbia 105-79 to improve to 3-0 in its five-game slate of exhibitions in advance of the Paris Olympics.

Anthony Davis finished with seven points, six rebounds and six blocks, helping to lead a U.S. defensive effort that limited Serbia throughout. Anthony Edwards had 16 points. LeBron James added 11.

Curry scored the first nine points for the U.S. in a flurry that James said was by design.

“We drew it up for that particular reason, to get him going,” James said. “He sees one go through the hoop, you see what it opens up for the rest of his game, for the rest of the game for all of us. He set the tone.”

The U.S. led by as many as

31 points in the last of a pair of warmup games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The Americans go to London to play two more tuneups before heading to France. The first is Saturday against South Sudan, followed by a matchup with Germany on Monday at London’s O2 Arena.

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Great golf, tee times go a long way at British Open

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP GOLF WRITER

TROON, Scotland — Justin Thomas made his British Open debut at Royal Troon eight years ago, and it taught him everything he needs to know about what can make this major so maddening.

It had nothing to do with gorse bushes or pot bunkers. It was about weather and tee times.

“I was in the bad one,” Thomas said.

By that he meant the bad side of the draw, and it's part of the charm — or curse — of the Open.

It was fairly benign in the opening round at Royal Troon in 2016, all the way through Friday morning until 30 mph (48 kph) wind and a driving rain made players in the afternoon feel they were on a different course than those who played early.

So severe was the change in weather that the leading 14 players going into the weekend, including Henrik Stenson and Phil Mickelson, came from one side of the draw.

“I’ve never in my life grinded so hard to finish 50th,” Thomas said. “I shot 77 and made the cut by one. The worst part was Saturday and Sunday. The morning was the worst and you couldn’t gain any ground.”

Summer daylight hours in the U.K. enable players to start off one tee for the entire day. Justin Leonard will hit the opening tee shot on Thursday at 6:30 a.m. (0530 GMT). Sam Horsfield is the last to play. He will tee off about 4:30 p.m.

That allows the weather to play a massive role. That happens elsewhere, but it is more pronounced in links golf. Sometimes the worst of it is in the morning, as in 2008 when Rich Beem and Sandy Lyle walked off Royal Birkdale after



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland hits off the 17th tee Wednesday during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Troon golf club in Troon, Scotland.

nine and 10 holes, respectively.

The forecast for the start of the 152nd Open is for off-and-on rain during the day with gusts in the 20 mph (32 kph) range early in the afternoon — about the time Rory McIlroy and Jon Rahm are finishing their rounds — and then easing late. And then more gusts Friday afternoon.

It's worth noting the forecast seems to change by the day. No one will really know until they're in the clear, or feeling like they are being blown into the Irish sea.

In recent times, Louis Oosthuizen caught the good side of the draw in St. Andrews. It was relatively calm all of Thursday — McIlroy opened with a 63 in 2010

— and then the wind became so fierce in the afternoon that McIlroy shot 80.

Oosthuizen finished his 65-67 start right before the wind came through. His name stayed atop the leaderboard for 11 hours that day and he led by five when it was over and wound up winning by seven shots. Good golf and a good draw go a long way.

“It's part and parcel of the Open. There's always good draws and bad draws,” Tommy Fleetwood said. “Generally if you get unlucky and there is a good side and a bad side, that's wiping out half the field already. The good news is if you're on the good side. That's half of them gone and you only have to

beat half the field.

“But that's always been part of the Open and that's the beauty of it,” he said. “You have to be ready for whatever the conditions bring, along with the golf course. It's very important to embrace what can happen.”

Another memorable example was Saturday at Muirfield in 2002. Tiger Woods had won the Masters and U.S. Open that year, raising possibilities of a calendar Grand Slam. He was two off the lead going into the third round when a storm off the Firth of Forth brought rain and 40 mph (64 kph) gusts. Woods shot 81 — nine others were in the 80s — and there went the Grand Slam.

Even getting the bad end of the draw is not the end of the Open. Padraig Harrington should serve as inspiration to everyone for what he did in 2008 at Royal Birkdale. He was caught in the raging wind Thursday morning and scrapped his way to a 74. Harrington went on to win by four shots for his second straight Open title.

But it can be maddening. Gary Woodland recalls one Open when he was staying with Dustin Johnson. They compared notes at the end of the round.

“I was early, he was late,” Woodland said. “I'm hitting 3-iron into holes where he was hitting sand wedge. You just hope you're on the right side. Otherwise, you try to make the most of it. Half the field is getting (dumped) on. I grew up in the wind. I like the tough conditions. But you'd like to be on the good side.”

Conditions can be even more exaggerated at Royal Troon by its out-and-back nature.

The forecast for one of the practice rounds this week was an example of the worst that can happen, with wind in the players' faces going out, and then it shifted, so they had to play the back nine into the wind, too.

The last time the Open was at Royal Troon, it had the second-worse draw bias — one side far better than the other — in Open history. It was so bad that Friday afternoon that the cut line dropped three shots in a span of 45 minutes.

Such is the nature of this fickle championship.

“Everybody knows that going into the Open,” Thomas said. “But I am so ready for a six- or seven-shot draw and being on the good side. It's going to be awesome whenever it happens.”

Tiger Woods says even champions miss putts

BY KEN MAGUIRE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TROON, Scotland — Rory McIlroy insists he wasn't ghosting Tiger Woods.

Woods was one of the big-name stars who texted McIlroy after the Northern Irishman's late collapse at the U.S. Open last month.

“Full disclosure, I changed my number two days after the U.S. Open, so I didn't get it until he told me about it today,” McIlroy said Tuesday ahead of the British Open at Royal Troon. “I was like, ‘Oh, thanks very much.’ So I blanked Tiger Woods, which is probably not a good thing.”

Michael Jordan and Rafael Nadal had also sent supportive messages after McIlroy missed two short putts — at No. 16 and No. 18 — at Pinehurst No. 2 to set up Bryson DeChambeau's victory.

Jordan and Nadal hit send right away — Woods waited a week. By that time, McIlroy was in full cleanse mode, visiting New York City to be anonymous for a bit and changing his mobile phone number to avoid pesky journalists inquiring about his decade-long drought in majors. “From the time I left Pinehurst to the time I walked through my front door on Sunday night,” he said, “I probably got about 10 or 15 text messages from media members,

and I was like, ‘It's probably time to get a new number.’ Create a bit of space.”

The 35-year-old McIlroy got reacquainted with links conditions last weekend at the Scottish Open with one eye on the Ayrshire coast. Troon last hosted the Open in 2016. McIlroy had high-tailed it out of Pinehurst without congratulating DeChambeau in person, but they chatted Monday.

“He said congrats,” DeChambeau said Tuesday. “So everything's great there. He's a fierce competitor. I know he's going to give the fans, give everybody as much as he can this week. I'm going to be doing the same. We're going to be competing. Hopefully it will be another good battle.”

McIlroy, a four-time major champion, won the claret jug at Royal Liverpool in 2014 and then the PGA Championship at Valhalla a month later. But no majors since then. McIlroy played a practice round Tuesday morning with Northern Irish compatriots Darren Clarke — the 2011 Open champion at Royal St. George's — and 21-year-old Tom McKibbin.

Last time at Troon was a frustrating Open for McIlroy. Like in 2016, he's expecting plenty of crosswinds. The greens are slow but “I don't like to tinker too much with the putter,” he said. Walking with Luke Donald on Tuesday morn-

ing, McIlroy picked the brain of Europe's Ryder Cup captain on putting here.

“He always said he liked to focus on the tempo of his stroke and really, if anything, make it a little shorter and a little brisker on greens like this,” McIlroy said. “So that's something that — you know, the strike and maybe just think a little bit more about the tempo of the stroke, two good things this week.”

Even though McIlroy never saw the text, Woods' message resonated Tuesday. “I've missed plenty of putts. I've missed plenty of shots. Just like Jordan ... You see all the game-winning shots, but also he's missed a ton of game-winning shots too,” Woods said. “The thing is you still take the game-winning shot, and I still want the last putt.”

McIlroy tees off Thursday with Ryder Cup teammate Tyrrell Hatton and Max Homa — who was a Ryder Cup bright spot for the Americans — at 10:09 a.m. local time (0909 GMT). Defending champion Brian Harman is in the group just ahead of them. After feeling like “one of the herd” in New York, McIlroy knows his game is still at an elite level. In the five-year stretch from 2015 to 2020, he said he was never that close to winning another major.

“So I'd much rather have these close calls. It means that I'm getting closer.”

Oklahoma QB Arnold, Tennessee QB Iamaleava are SEC wild cards

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

DALLAS — Southeastern Conference quarterbacks fall into a few categories this year.

There are the cover boys: Texas' Quinn Ewers, Georgia's Carson Beck and Alabama's Jalen Milroe who are all featured on the deluxe version of the new EA Sports College Football video game.

The experienced entrenched starters: Mississippi's Jaxson Dart, Missouri's Brady Cook and Florida's Graham Mertz are in that group.

There are the new transfers such as Taylen Green at Arkansas and Brock Vandagriff at Kentucky and high-upside veterans like LSU's Garrett Nussmeier and Texas A&M's Conner Weigman, who have shown glimpses of star potential.

And then there are maybe the biggest wild cards, a couple of former five-stars who have been handed the reins to blue blood programs: Oklahoma's Jackson Arnold and Tennessee's Nico Iamaleava have the potential to turn their teams into College Football Playoff contenders.

The Sooners made their SEC Media Days debut on Tuesday and Arnold was the main attraction, drawing a three-deep crowd of reporters around his dais.

“What I feel best about and have the most peace

about is his ability to be able to handle the highs and the lows, the challenges, the success, the failure that a season will bring you,” Oklahoma coach Brent Venables said. “Nobody is more competent or more ready, even though he's a young player, and we've got to, in some ways, be the headlights for him.”

Tennessee coach Josh Heupel decided to leave his first-year starter at home, but don't mistake that for a lack of confidence for Iamaleava. “We want him to hit the ground running,” Heupel said. “He's a young quarterback. Played really well in the bowl game. He's going to continue to grow. Through all of his experiences here throughout the course of the season, he's only going to continue to get better from all of those. But we expect him to play at a really high level from the very beginning, and we need that from him.”

The excitement among Volunteers fans about the Long Beach, California, quarterback was stoked by his performance in a 35-0 victory against a strong Iowa defense in the Citrus Bowl.

“I think it's built a little bit of aura of confidence around him,” Tennessee center Cooper Mays said.

The 6-foot-6 Iamaleava ran for three touchdowns and threw a TD pass against the Hawkeyes.

“I knew he could throw it. I just didn't realize he had as much twitch as he does,” former Alabama quarterback and ESPN analyst Greg McElroy said. “And for a guy that's that long, I didn't anticipate that type of quickness and lateral agility, so that was surprising. Really bullish on his potential.”

Heupel said Iamaleava has a magnetic personality that has made his transition to team leader smooth.

“He's a humble guy, humble kid, you know, a guy that came in ready to work ... and just was picking everybody's brain,” Mays said. “And for a kid to come out of high school like that, five-star, whatever many followers on Instagram. People probably aren't that humble. And that's a kid that came in and was ready to go and ready to work.” Arnold also started a bowl game last season after Dillon Gabriel read the room in Norman, Oklahoma, and went back into the transfer portal. Gabriel will be QB1 at Oregon.

The Sooners got a look at their future against Arizona in the Alamo Bowl and it was a wild ride. Arnold threw for 361 yards and two touchdowns, but also had three passes intercepted in a 38-24 loss to the Wildcats.

Arnold, from Denton, Texas, said the experience helped boost his confidence while also giving him a dose of reality.

Saban working the other side of SEC Media Days

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

DALLAS — Nick Saban is at SEC Media Days again, six months after retiring as Alabama coach.

This time he's asking the questions as part of ESPN's SEC Network coverage of the four-day event.

“I'm still a coach at heart. So I want to ask the coaches questions so that they can actually talk about things that they want to talk about, and maybe things that they want to be able to get out there,” Saban said Wednesday, a short time before his successor, Kalen DeBoer, made his SEC Media days debut as Tide coach.

“So I'm not trying to put anybody on the defensive,” Saban added. “I'm trying to help them express what they'd like to express about their team, or about a particular player, or about a position on their team.”

Saban, 72, retired in January after 17 seasons with Alabama and three decades as a head coach. The seven-time national champion will work for ESPN this season on its “College GameDay” Saturday pre-game show.

He said he doesn't plan to be critical as a broadcaster. He told DeBoer just that when the new Alabama joined the SEC Network set

for an interview. “I want to be objective. But I don't want to be controversial,” Saban told reporters. “You could take any decision in any situation that anybody makes and make it controversial. Like, if we go for it on fourth-and-3, we would have 100,000 people in Alabama say, ‘I'm glad he's going for it.’ And we would have 100,000 people say, ‘He's a dumbass for going for it.’”

Saban has already made a headline, picking Georgia and Texas, not the Crimson Tide, to play for the SEC championship.

His former players noticed.

“He always said don't let

some guy who lives in his mom's basement determine how you feel. I'm not going to let a guy who plays golf all day determine how I feel,” offensive tackle Tyler Booker said with a smile.

Saban said he has poured himself into the new job much as if he was still a coach. He prepared “a couple hundred hours” for his role on ESPN's NFL draft coverage. For SEC Media Days, he said he watched every team's spring game and called every coach in the conference.

“The biggest thing I miss is the relationships with the people, the players, the coaches, the staff and all the

people that you work with, being a part of a team,” Saban said. “That I miss. But, I also got to the point where it was difficult for me to sustain things the way I needed to sustain them, to be satisfied with myself that I was doing a good job. So the last year was hard. So, I said, maybe it's time for somebody else. I don't regret that.”

It has been an eventful week for Saban in Dallas. First off, he was sent to the wrong hotel room — an occupied room — upon checking in Sunday. The next day, he was initially denied entry to the area where media days were

being held at the Omni Hotel on Monday because he forgot his credential. On Tuesday, he went to the Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Globe Life Field in Arlington.

When he is not working, he's playing a lot of golf.

Saban was asked if major college football could ever install a commissioner, would be he interested in the job. He said that's a question for his wife, Terry.

“I try to go play golf at 7:30 in the morning. So I get home at 11:30,” he said. “I can't get to the ninth hole without getting a text of ‘This is what I want you to do when you come home.’”

‘Jellybean’ Bryant, father of Kobe Bryant, dies at 69

PHILADELPHIA — Joe “Jellybean” Bryant, the father of the late Basketball Hall of Famer Kobe Bryant, has died, his alma mater announced Tuesday.

Bryant, who spent eight seasons in the NBA with three different franchises, was 69. The Philadelphia Inquirer, citing La Salle coach Fran Dunphy, reported that Joe Bryant recently had a massive stroke.

“We are saddened to announce the passing of La Salle basketball great Joe Bryant,” the school said in a news release. “Joe played for the Explorers from 1973-75 and was a member of our coaching staff from 1993-96. He was a beloved member of the Explorer family and will be dearly missed.”

Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others died in a helicopter crash in January 2020 in Calabasas, California, as the group was making its way to a basketball tournament. Joe and Pam Bryant, who were married for nearly a half-centu-

ry, had a sometimes frosty relationship with Kobe, but they were in the front row for the memorial service in Los Angeles about a month after Kobe and Gianna died.

“Sending our condolences upon hearing the news of my father in law’s passing,” Vanessa Bryant, Kobe’s widow, posted Tuesday on her Instagram story. “We hoped things would’ve been different. Although the times we spent together were few, he was always sweet and nice to be around. Kobe loved him very much.”

Joe Bryant was the No. 14 pick by Golden State in the 1975 draft, and the Warriors wound up selling his rights to Philadelphia before the start of his rookie season. He played four years for the 76ers, three for the

San Diego Clippers and one for the Houston Rockets, averaging 8.7 points in 606 games. From there, he embarked on an international career, with stops in France and Italy. The years in Italy shaped Kobe Bryant; it was there that he started to truly develop a love for basketball as well as becoming fluent in Italian. The family moved back to the Philadelphia area around the time that Kobe Bryant was 13, he became a high school star and was drafted four years later.

“I’m deeply saddened by the passing of Joe ‘Jellybean’ Bryant and join the basketball community in mourning a true Philly hoops legend,” said Detroit Pistons vice chairman Arn Tellem, Kobe

Bryant’s former agent. “Our friendship opened the door for me to represent Kobe as he entered the NBA, a

memory I’ll always cherish. Joe was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, whose warmth touched

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IN THE MATTER OF
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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that KRISTIAN WESLEY SAUER was, on the 10th day of July, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of CRIS SAUER, who died on May 15, 2024. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. DATED at Madison, Indiana, this 10th day of July, 2024.
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Messi asked to apologize for players’ racist chant

BY JAMES ROBSON
AP SOCCER WRITER

Lionel Messi faced calls on Wednesday to apologize for racist chants made by Argentina’s players after they won the Copa America.

An Argentinean government official said Messi, who is the team captain, and the president of the country’s soccer federation, Claudio Tapia, should apologize after a video was shared on social media showing members of Argentina’s triumphant squad singing a racist chant about French players with African heritage.

Midfielder Enzo Fernandez said he was “truly sorry” for the incident and his Premier League club Chelsea said it had begun disciplinary action, describing discriminatory behavior as “completely unacceptable.”

It is unclear from the video if Messi — widely regarded as one of the greatest soccer players of all time — participated in the chant. But Argentina’s sports sub-secretary, Julio Garro, said he should say sorry.

“The national team captain must also come out to apologize for this case. The same AFA (Argentina Football Association) president,” Garro said in radio state-

ments. “I think it is appropriate. It leaves us as a country in a bad position, with so much glory.”

Argentina beat Colombia 1-0 on Sunday at Miami Gardens, Florida. Afterwards a video posted on Instagram showed Fernandez and Argentina players chanting about France’s team as they celebrated.

The same chants — by some Argentina fans — emerged before the team beat France in the World Cup final in 2022. The derogatory chants single out France players of African heritage, from several countries, and holding a French passport.

FIFA said it was also looking into the incident after the French soccer federation pledged to file a complaint with the sport’s world governing body over “racist and discriminatory remarks.”

Chelsea’s response comes after one of Fernandez’s clubmates, France defender Wesley Fofana, posted the video on his social media accounts Tuesday and called it “uninhibited racism.”

Fofana has family ties to Ivory Coast and is among several French players who are Black in the Chelsea first-team squad.

Philadelphia Sullivan youngest ever in MLS at 14

CHESTER, Pa. — Fourteen-year-old Philadelphia Union midfielder Cavan Sullivan became the youngest player in Major League Soccer history on Wednesday night — and probably the youngest to play in any of the biggest professional sports leagues in the world.

Sullivan was 14 years, 293 days old when he entered Philadelphia’s home game as a substitute in the 85th minute against the New England Revolution. That makes him about two weeks younger than Freddy Adu when he made his MLS debut in 2004 for DC United.

Sullivan made his debut moments after his brother, 20-year-old Quinn, scored a goal to put Philadelphia up 5-1. Cavan Sullivan, who replaced forward Tai Baribo, got a handful of touches in the final minutes of the Union’s blowout win. He even recorded his first shot on goal, blasting it at New England’s net from outside the penalty area in the final minute of injury time, but it was comfortably saved by Aljaz Ivacic.

“Big congrats to Cavan Sullivan for his record breaking debut today,” Adu wrote on social media. “That’s a hard record to break and the kid did it. Well done and good luck my man.”

Sullivan is younger than any player who has appeared in the NBA, NHL, NFL, NWSL, WNBA or Major League Baseball since at least 1970, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Andrew Bynum, who debuted for the Los Angeles Lakers in 2005 at the age of 18 years, 6 days, holds that mark.

The youngest debut in the five biggest soccer leagues around the world since at least 1988, according to FBRef.com, was Ethan Nwaneri, who came on for Arsenal in 2022 at 15 years, 181 days.

The younger Sullivan was born in Philadelphia to two soccer-playing parents, and he joined the Union’s youth academy four years ago. He made his professional debut in March for the Philadelphia Union II in MLS’ developmental league.

FINISHING STRONG

After nearly squandering a big lead in its narrow victory over Australia on Monday, there was no such letdown for the U.S. this time.

The Americans led by 25 after three quarters and quickly increased it to 30 in the final quarter.

LINEUP SHUFFLE

The U.S. used its third different starting lineup, going with Curry, Jrue Holiday, Jayson Tatum, LeBron James and Joel Embiid.

The only constants over the three exhibitions have been Curry, James and Embiid. One of the reason’s Embiid’s presence on the roster was a desire for the U.S. coaching staff this cycle was to counter bigger teams like Serbia, which features a trio of 7-footers.

Embiid’s conditioning still isn’t at its peak. But he was active on both ends, finding cutters on the offensive end and being an active deterrent in the lane on defense.

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				6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	
3	WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	WAV..	News	Inspiring (N)		Dateline NBC (N)				WAV..	
4	WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Lingo		S.W.A.T.		Blue Bloods		CBS4..	
5	WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Inspiring (N)		Dateline NBC (N)				News	
8	WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Bakeover (N)		Animals	Funny..	News (N)		News	
9	WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Cincin..	Jeopardy!		20/20 (N)				News	
11	WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Jeopardy!		20/20 (N)				News	
15	WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	PBS News (N)		Comm..	Week	Perform. "George Jones:..		Variety	BBCN..		
19	WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Fri. Night SmackDown		(N) (Live)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19	
32	WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Lingo		S.W.A.T.		Blue Bloods		News	
34	WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Bakeover (N)		Animals	Funny..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..	
41	WDRB	8	9	News	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Fri. Night SmackDown		(N) (Live)		News (N) (Live)		News	
A&E		28	36	The First 48		The First 48		Streets-Talking		Cold Case (P)		Tell (N) (P)		First48	
AMC		29	26	(4:30) 77777 The		Departed ('06)		77777 John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17)				7 John Wick: ...			
COM		45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Movie	
DISC		31	38	Parker's Trail		Parker's Trail		Gold Rush (N)		(05) Hoffman		(05) Hoffman		Catch	
DISN		25	29	Bluey	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	77777 Toy Story 3 ('10)		ZOM..	Zombi..	ZOM..	Bunk'd		
ESPN		32	44	SportCtr (N)		NBA Summer League Basketball				WNBA (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N)			
FREE		18	40	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	Family..	700Club	
FX		40	28	(5:30) 7777 The Proposal ('09)				77777 Free Guy ('21) Ryan Reynolds.				77777 Free Guy			
HBO		201	17	Movie	Hard	(010) 77777 The Dark Knight Rises ('12)					Real Time (N)		House..		
MAX		270	73	(5:35) 7 Straight Outta Compton				7 Killing Them Softly			(040) 7 Paranormal Activity			Movie	
NEWSNTN		20	20	The Hill (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo	
PARMT		35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	77777 The Goonies ('85) Sean Astin.						77777 Gremlins	
PARSHO		221	16	(5:50) 77777 Miss Sloane ('16) (P)				(005) 7 Memory ('23)			77777 Zero Dark Thirty				
TMC		233	74	77777 The Fighter ('10)				7 Last Voyage of the Demeter				7 The Appearance ('18)			
TNT		27	43	(5:00) 7 Bad Boys		7777 Bad Boys II		('03) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.				Rampage (N)		Movie	
USA		26	33	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chi.Fire	

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4 WTTV	4		(4:00) BL..	CBS4..	Sheldon	Sheldon	Tracker		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		CBS4..	
5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	Weakest Link		Password		Dateline NBC		News	
8 WISH	12		News	Inside..	USL Championship Soccer				PostGa..		FamFe..		News (N)	News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	WiseM..	Cash	Count..	2024 WNBA All-Star Game				WNB..	News	
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Ent. Tonight (N)		Count..	2024 WNBA All-Star Game				WNB..	News	
15 WKPC	13		Antiques		TimFa..	RedGr..	Kentuc..	Kentuc..	7777 Hugo ('11) Ben Kingsley.				Austin	
19 WXIX	10		(5:00) Horse Race		Baseball Boston		Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers				FOX19 (N)		I Can ..	
32 WLKY	5	5	(4:00) BL..	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Tracker		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		News	
34 WBKI	7	7	FamFe..	FamFe..	JudgeJ..	JudgeJ..	Crime Nation "Fatal Devotion"				House..	House..	TwoM..	
41 WDRB	8	9	(5:00) Horse Race		Baseball Boston		Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers				News (N)		News	
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48	
AMC	29	26	(5:15) 7 John Wick: Chapter 2				777 The Day After Tomorrow ('04)				777 I, Robot			
COM	45	59	Movie	7 Dodgeball: A True Underdog St...				7 Talladega Nights: Ballad of Ricky Bobby				Movie		
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition Unknown				Expedition		Expedi..	
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	ZOM..	ZOM..	7777 Ferdinand ('17) John Cena.				ZOM..	ZOM..	Hamst..	
ESPN	32	44	Basketball Teams TBA (N) (Live)				UFC Fight Night: Lemos vs. Jandiroba (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)		SportC..	
FREE	18	40	(5:00) 7 Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's...				(045) 7 Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides				7777 The Hangover			
FX	40	28	(4:00) 7 Black W...		7777 The Avengers ('12) Robert Downey Jr..				7 Guardians of the Galaxy					
HBO	201	17	7 Birds of Prey (and the Fantabul...				7 Love Lies Bleeding (P)		(045) House Dg		(050) Real Time			
MAX	270	73	(020) 777 Vacation ('15) Ed Helms.				777 The A-Team ('10)				777 Get Hard ('15)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..	
PARMT	35	41	(4:30) 7 Indiana Jones & t...				(025) 77777 Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81)				7 Indiana Jones & the L...			
PARSHO	221	16	(5:00) 7 Italian Job		Mafia Spies		Mafia Spies		Mafia Spies		Mafia Spies		Mafia	
TMC	233	74	(010) 7777 The Gift ('15)				7777 Face/Off ('97)				(020) 777 Deep Impact			
TNT	27	43	777 The Hangover Part III ('13)				Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)				7777 The Hangover			
USA	26	33	PostRa..	Chrisley	9-1-1 "Boston"		9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1 "FOMO"		9-1-1	

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3 WAVE	6	2	WAV..	NBCN..	Ninja Warrior Qualifiers 5 & 6				Got Talent "Auditions 7"				WAV..		
4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	60 Minutes (N)		Tulsa King (N)		Big Brother (N)		Tracker		CBS4..		
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Ninja Warrior Qualifiers 5 & 6				Got Talent "Auditions 7"				News		
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	777 Madea's Witness Protection ('12)				Connors		News	Sports	News		
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos		Fun Videos		777 The Sandlot ('93)				News		
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos		Fun Videos		777 The Sandlot ('93)				News		
15 WKPC	13		Last../	KeepUp	Last Tango		Prof T (N) (SF)		Grantchest (N)		D.I. Ray (SF)		RealCr..		
19 WXIX	10		(4:00) NHRA		MasterChef		Simpso..		Burgers		Family.. Krapo..		FOX19 (N)	FOX19	
32 WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Tulsa King (N)		Big Brother (N)		Tracker		News		
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	777 Madea's Witness Protection ('12)				Connors		Good Dr "Pipes"		ModF..		
41 WDRB	8	9	(4:00) NHRA		MasterChef		Simpso..		Burgers		Family.. Krapo..		News (N) (Live)	News	
A&E	28	36	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Biography "Mark Henry" (N)				Biography "Booker T"				
AMC	29	26	Movie	7777 Twister ('96) Helen Hunt.				Snowprcr (SP)		(4:10) Orphan (N)		Snowp..			
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office		
DISC	31	38	Naked and Afraid (N)				Naked "Dung Deal" (N)				In the Eye (N)		In the ..		
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	777 Zombies 3 ('22)			ZOM..	ZOM..	NY-Heroez			
ESPN	32	44	Countdown (N)		Baseball Boston Red Sox at Los Angeles Dodgers		SportCtr (N)				SportCv				
FREE	18	40	(5:40) 777 Jumanji: Welcome to the J...				(4:20) 777 Jumanji: The Next Level ('19)				Movie				
FX	40	28	(3:30) 777 Eternals		777 Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness						777 Spider-Man: No Way ...				
HBO	201	17	777 Love Lies Bleeding			(4:50) House Dg "Regent"			House Dg (N)		(4:10) House Dg		LastWw..		
MAX	270	73	(4:15) 7777 Yes Man ('08)				777 The Amityville Horror			77777 Hereditary ('18)					
NEWSNTN	20	20	NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation (N)		NewsNation		NewsN..		
PARMT	35	41	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue (N)		BarRe..		
PARSHO	221	16	(5:30) 77777 Casino Royale ('06)				Mayor of (N)		Lioness (N)		Lioness (N)		Movie		
TMC	233	74	(4:15) 777 American Hangman ('19)				777 The Collective ('23)				7777 No Escape ('15)			Movie	
TNT	27	43	(4:15) 777 Black Pa...		(4:15) 77777 Thor: Ragnarok ('17) Chris Hemsworth.								Lazarus Pr (N)		Lazaru..
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-S..		

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ACROSS

1 Journeys
6 Bitter beers: Abbr.
10 Greek cheese
14 Painting supporter
15 Pint-sized
16 First-year law student, for short
17 ___ Gay (WWII plane)
18 Ring like a bell
19 Son of Rebekah
20 "Jolene" singer: 2 wds.
23 "Big Blue" company
24 Charlottesville school: Abbr.
25 With the bow
26 Pipe instrument
28 Dog or hamster, often
29 Agenda part
30 Country near Fiji
31 Scout's job, for short
34 Losing battery power
36 "That's a no-no!"
37 Person, place, or thing
39 Not neat
42 Baby bird's sound
44 Meaty flavor
47 Despise
49 Creative pursuit
51 "How terrible!": 2 wds.
52 "You said it!"
53 Wish undone
54 Magazine staff: Abbr.
55 Blow-up place to sleep: 2 wds.
59 Cherished
61 Imitates
62 "Grand" hotel
63 Group of three
64 Get stuck
65 "Ew, can't ___ that!"
66 Sole
67 First Lady Truman
68 Dissuade

DOWN

1 Ready to hit, as a golf ball: 2 wds.
2 Went too long: 2 wds.
3 Quarantined, say
4 ___ grant (college aid type)
5 Do in
6 Lend, as wisdom
7 Poked a hole in
8 Study of the body
9 Grain storage spot
10 Enemy
11 Junior Navy officer
12 Pekoe package: 2 wds.
13 College grad
21 Uses watercolors
22 "Be patient!": 2 wds.
27 Unauthorized
32 Punctuation for a pause
33 Upstate NY lake
35 Meaning

Today's Puzzle Solved

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

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ACROSS

1 City in civil rights history
6 Greek salad cheese
10 Finished
14 Harvard and Yale, e.g.
15 Remove wrinkles from
16 Thoroughly bad
17 Assesses
18 Draped garment
19 Guitar part
20 Beg
22 Royal realms
24 www.aspc.a. ___
25 Intention
26 Top of a door
29 Sault ___ Marie
30 Vitality
33 Wine, in Italian
34 Meddle (with)
37 Celebrity couple
38 Got up
39 Tattoo artist's supplies
40 Batman or Wonder Woman
42 Social signals
43 Fit for the occasion
44 Rowboat propeller
45 Breathed heavily
48 May honoree
49 Luau dish
50 Place to see a play
54 AL East team
58 12-month period
59 Locate
61 Catch in a trap
62 Have at stake
63 Pre-owned
64 Dine at home: 2 wds.
65 Visual ___
66 Allows
67 Winter weather forecast

DOWN

1 Location
2 All tied up
3 Top-10 ___
4 Musician's timekeeper
5 Firmly declare
6 Symbol of resistance
7 Historical period
8 Ripped
9 Like "Moana" and "Inside Out"
10 Jeans material
11 "___ my dead body!"
12 Pleasant
13 Fraternal group
21 Get older
23 Harbor platform
26 Smiled brightly: 2 wds.
27 Lacking in skill
28 Soda bottle unit
29 Brooklyn brownstone feature
30 Concert location
31 Annoyed
32 Chaotic situation
33 Mastercard competitor
35 Sweden
36 Invented by an author
38 Deeply embarrassing

Today's Puzzle Solved

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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Mom disapproves of daughter’s boyfriend’s job

Dear Eric: My daughter is dating a young man whose parents, at one point, belonged to some religious group that believed in having lots of children — so they had 12. Sam is right in the middle. As far as I can tell, the kids were expected to more-or-less raise themselves, and all were homeschooled.

Sam has a learning disability, which his parents ignored, and he has flunked out of college twice. He has lots of intelligence but not the tools to use it. Life has taught him that he is on his own and that few people can be trusted. He is not on good terms with his parents. But he loves my daughter, which counts for something with me.

He also dislikes me and our family because he learned that I was encouraging my daughter to get to know a guy who was interested in her who had a Ph.D. He turned out to be a real jerk, but Sam now bears a grudge against me for being “elitist.”

Sam currently works in a bar with hopes of learning how to be a bartender. His plan for the future is to marry my daughter and make a go of being a carpenter. I find myself not being crazy about the guy. Are we elitist for wanting our daughter to find a partner who has a decent relationship with his family and

some kind of viable career path?

— Protective Parent

Dear Parent: You refuse to accept Sam for who he is, so it doesn't take an educated guess to see why the foundation of your relationship with him is rotten. This not only negatively impacts your connection with him but has the potential to drive a wedge between you and your daughter.

Could Sam, conceivably, make more money with a Ph.D.? Sure, in theory, but which industry? How long will it take?

Moreover, the actual person with a Ph.D. whom you encouraged your daughter to drop Sam for was a jerk.

So, what are we doing here? You've created a series of what-ifs that are keeping you from seeing what is.

Let's drill down on what is: Should he choose to pursue it, carpentry is a viable career path. Per the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, there are, on average, about 79,500 new carpentry openings per year and, as an apprenticeship-based field, it doesn't have many barriers to entry.

More importantly, Sam loves your daughter; your daughter has chosen Sam. He doesn't have a good relationship with his family, but do you expect him to be on great terms with people who neglected him? Don't blame him for where he comes from. See him for what he's overcome and who he is trying to become.

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Sisters disagree about brother’s debt

Dear Eric: My brother is always struggling financially. Because I am between jobs, instead of turning to me, as he has in the past, he recently turned to our sister, who is very well-off. We never get the money back when he asks. I am just the path of least resistance.

Since my sister couldn't give him the \$6,000 he asked for to pay off credit cards, I told her I would, knowing full-well I'd never see the money again. I can live with that.

My brother thinks my sister gave him the money (I don't mind that at all). However, my sister is making sure she calls my brother every month to make sure he pays \$100 a month.

We use a cash app to disguise that it goes directly to me. It's going to take five more years to pay this off. I can't take the monthly ritual and the drama around it.

I do not want to be my brother's creditor. It is stressing me out and really bothers me, as I know he is doing his best to survive and support his family. I end up giving this payment back to him anyway. It's insane. I want out. I want to be able to tell my brother

that it was me and that I don't want it back. I just want to move on, but my sister is adamant about making sure he pays her (me) back. What should I do?

— Wants to Cash Out

Dear Cash Out: Your sister doesn't have a say here. She's created a farcical caper in hopes of teaching your brother a lesson. But she can't collect a debt that isn't owed to her. Tell your brother directly that the debt is forgiven. And after that, tell your sister what you did.

It's so easy to put our own values on the ways other people manage their money. So much so that poor financial decisions can take on the weight of moral failings.

The ways that you spend your money and your brother manages his money are none of your sister's business. Or, as folks used to say where I grew up, she doesn't have a penny in that nickel.

Should you choose to lend/give your brother money again, it will be helpful to have an honest conversation about expectations — yours and his. You may be the path of least resistance for him when he runs into money trouble, but you still have a right to say “no,” “not right now” and “can we find a different solution?”

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Closure might elude you if a request for commitment remains unanswered. You may want or need more freedom and further exploration of alternatives. Consider spending more time with friends to expand your happiness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're the director of your life, so take charge and be ready for any challenges. Fairness and understanding may be something to cherish as life has a way of balancing things out when you least expect it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Imagine yourself as a cosmic marathon runner. Once you have set a new goal, getting to the finish line might seem like an endurance race. Accomplishing worthy pursuits can require unflagging determination.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You might be ready for a peaceful sanctuary and tranquil surroundings. Someone close might be more concerned about today's money story while you may be focused on attaining lasting financial prosperity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Get together with those who understand your quirks; the friends who can share bad jokes and reminisce about old movies. Amidst their company, stress may unravel, allowing forgotten pastimes to resurface.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is no shame in slow starts or a change in plans. Anyone who genuinely loves you or cares about what could be best for you should understand. This may be a good day to set the record straight or make amends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your tasks aren't going anywhere. Save the professional lingo for the next meeting and consider focusing on connection and togetherness. The next social event and good deeds at your favorite store may be ready for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Amid the rush and hustle and bustle, you may find a haven of peace and serenity. Your kindness to those under pressure could leave a lasting impact. Consider taking time to meet up with friends tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Be mindful of the difference between desires and needs. Harmony within your inner circle could be restored with little effort. A partner or loved one could inspire you to test out ways to monetize your ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It's always nice to lend a hand, even when the extra demands on your time were not expected. You might find yourself committing to something truly rewarding and fulfilling that brings you joy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Success and dedication can be admirable but don't let it get in the way of enjoying time with people who matter. Learn more about your interests and share what you've learned during conversation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Sometimes, meetings may feel a bit dull, but hang in there since you might just meet a new connection. Learning the lesson instead of self-recrimination can restore peace and keep your dreams sweet.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Charm is your superpower, so wield it well in group gatherings and doors may open for you. Consider using it to build strong alliances but be mindful of others' sensitivities. Loved ones may need extra understanding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Something new or unexpected may bring a breath of fresh air that you crave. If you're joining a new group, keep your expectations in check but enjoy the new viewpoints and opinions that come your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Meet others who may boost your spirits, stir your imagination, and get you thinking about something new and unusual. Don't get so carried away by enthusiasm for something that you take unnecessary risks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your ambitions may bloom when peace and understanding are in abundance, and you are confident of having adequate support. Relationships thrive on give-and-take and unconditional acceptance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might find your ambitions soaring to new heights. Imagine diving deep into a passion that captivates your every thought, or perhaps joining forces with a partner whose drive pushes you to excel beyond your limits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Imagine poetic whispers in your ear. Now, consider saying them out loud for all to hear. A minor misunderstanding with someone close could be resolved with a quick heart-to-heart that offers understanding and compassion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — It could be a good time for a little spring cleaning in all areas of life. Checking on your savings, organizing your closet, and making sure you're stocked up at home might bring a sense of order and peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Water seeks its own level. If you're in touch with your aspirations or your ideals, consider seeking others who may join you on the road to success. Cherish time with loved ones or reconnect with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Don't sweat the small stuff. Instead, consider immersing yourself in a bubble of calm and confident vibes. You may spread peace and love to make lasting improvements in your environment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Ambition is great, but don't forget to have a little fun along the way. Your knack for your passion might be impressive, but loved ones may need tenderness. Keep discussions friendly and remain open to new experiences.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Determination is in the air and pushing you up the ladder of success. Everything might be aligning for you, so take a moment to think things through before diving in. Consider purchasing the best quality you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Some things may not be worth fixing. It might be time for a fresh start whether it's a new ride or just decluttering your space. Letting go of old resentments could improve your well-being and inner peace.

Kentucky will play 13 nonconference games

BY MARK MATHIS
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The Kentucky men's basketball team has set its 2024-25 nonconference schedule. The 13-game nonconference schedule includes nine home contests in Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, an away tilt at Clemson and three neutral-site matchups.

The Southeastern Conference slate, along with television networks and game times will be announced at a later date.

After a pair of to-be-determined exhibition contests, the Cats open the home schedule against Wright State on Nov. 4 and Bucknell on Nov. 9, before traveling to Atlanta for a State Farm Champions Classic matchup against Duke on Nov. 12.

The Wildcats will host the BBN Invitational that includes Lipscomb (Nov. 19), Jackson State (Nov. 22) and WKU (Nov. 26). The tilt with Jackson State will also mark the fourth installment of the Unity Series.

In each of the past three seasons, UK has played a contest against an historically black college and univer-

sity. The game aims to raise awareness of the missions of the HBCUs and to raise funds to provide opportunities for students at their institutions.

Kentucky wraps up the month of November with a home contest against Georgia State on Nov. 29 before hitting the road for two straight. Up first is the SEC/ACC Challenge at Clemson on Dec. 3, and then the team will travel to the West Coast for a date with Gonzaga on Dec. 7 in Seattle.

The Cats will play three more home games in the month of December, hosting Colgate (Dec. 11) and Brown (Dec. 31), along with in-state foe Louisville on Dec. 14. UK's final nonconference date away from home is Ohio State in the CBS Sports Classic in New York on Dec. 21.

Kentucky will face four first-time opponents in Brown, Bucknell, Colgate and Jackson State. In all, the Wildcats will take on 13 teams who reached the 2023-24 NCAA Tournament a total of 15 times. Kentucky will play five Sweet Sixteen teams from a year ago.

HOMER

FROM PAGE B1

Baltimore's Anthony Santander, after taking over for Soto in right field, had a two-out single in the fifth before Duran's 413-foot homer to right-center after he had replaced Judge in center.

Duran took a 95.9 mph fastball before going deep on an 86 mph splitter.

"I knew he threw really hard so I was just praying he would throw me a first pitch fastball so I could see how hard it was.

"After that, I was hoping to get a pitch up," Duran said.

"He happened to leave a pitch up. I happened to put a good swing on it."

The last Red Sox player to be the All-Star MVP was J.D. Drew in 2008, following Pedro Martinez in 1999, Roger Clemens in 1986 and Carl Yastrzemski in 1970.

Duran was voted by his peers as an All-Star after being the first AL

player to go into the break with at least 100 hits, 10 triples, 10 homers and 20 stolen bases.

The AL has a 48-44-2 record in the All-Star Game, and had won nine in a row before the National League's 3-2 victory last year in Seattle.

AL starter Corbin Burnes arrived in Texas the morning of the game after spending time at home with his newborn twin daughters.

The Baltimore right-hander allowed a walk and then a two-out double to Bryce Harper before getting out of his inning on a comebacker by William Contreras, his catcher last season in Milwaukee.

After his underhand toss of the ball to first base, Burnes had a big smile on his face when he kept jogging and wrapped his arm around Contreras on the baseline.

QUICK GAME

Played in 2 hours, 28 minutes, it was the shortest All-Star Game since 1988, a game that the AL won

2-1 in Cincinnati that took only two minutes less.

WON IN BOTH LEAGUES

Bruce Bochy of the host Rangers became the first manager to win World Series titles and All-Star Games in both leagues.

Bochy is now 2-3 as an All-Star manager, leading the NL to a win in 2011.

He won the World Series three times with the NL's San Francisco Giants in 2010, 2012 and 2014, then led the Rangers to their first championship in his debut season with them last year.

UP NEXT

The MLB regular series resumes Friday when 14 games are scheduled, with Milwaukee and Minnesota the only teams that won't play until Saturday. Philadelphia (62-34) has the best record in the majors and Cleveland (58-37) has an AL-best .611 winning percentage, though Baltimore and the New York Yankees also have 58 wins.

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